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## News of Our Boys

O. Smn. Bob Wilbraham of H.M.C.S. "Peregrine" is on shore leave and visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilbraham, of Wainwright.

Sgt. Jim Sharkey, still in hospital in Italy, wishes his many Irma friends a Merry Christmas.

Pte. Frances Quinlan has gone to Toronto for further training before going overseas with an army show.

Able Seaman Don Harper is attached to the frigate Antigonish. It is possible he was with his ship when they picked up bodies lost through the sinking of the Shawinigan.

Sergt. A. C. Hockett left for overseas service several weeks ago.

David Bacon has received an honorable discharge from the R.C.A.F. and is now working with the C.N.R. telegraph department in Edmonton.

Charles DeTro has also been honorably discharged from the R.C.A.F. and is teaching school at Ribstone, Alta., for the Wainwright school division.

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**C. L. MILES PROMOTED**

WITH THE CANADIAN ARMY IN ITALY (Delayed)—Private C. L. Miles, of Irma, Alta., now in Italy with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, has recently been promoted to the rank of lance corporal. Miles has seen a lot of fighting up the Adriatic coast and both his pals in the platoon and the officers he has worked with are high in praise of his good work.

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## Letters From Overseas

Dear Friends:

Please accept this letter as one of gratitude and thankfulness for the chocolates you sent me. To date I have received two boxes of chocs which, I must say, I appreciate; you cannot realize what this means to us over here to know that you people at home are thinking of us.

It helps us give a little more effort into what we are doing, so that we can get this job over and get back amongst our friends once more.

Hoping to see you all again soon. And once again I say thank you for the kind remembrance.

Yours sincerely,
Cpl. C. Carter.

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Dear Members of the I.V.C. Club:

A few words to express my deepest gratitude and humblest thanks to each and every member of the cig. club for his or her effort that has gone towards sending cigs and chocolates to former Irma residents now overseas.

I have received three lots of cigs and today was the receiver of a box of chocolates for which I also send all members a vote of thanks. Being so far away makes it diffcult in putting one's feelings into words but I've told Dad to express my thanks personally, which I'm sure he will do, at his earliest opportunity.

The pen, they say, is mightier than the sword, but from my experience of the past few months, I'm of the opinion that there is much room for argument in that statement. However I think that is up to the poets and philosophers who know all about such things.

From Marshall Montgomery's last speech and from what I have seen here, I agree that in a few more months the dictator Adolph Hitler and his gang will be but another chapter in the history books of the world. Furthermore with everyone in Canada pulling the way they are now by buying war bonds, donating Red Cross parcels and sending parcels of necessities overseas, we are dead sure to bring victory to the world real soon.

In closing, I might say that I wish you one and all the very merriest of Christmasses and a bright and happy New Year with all the glad tidings that "Victory Day" will bring.

Yours sincerely
Sigmn. Paul Bethge.
Somewhere in Holland.

## Wedding Bells

**SIMMERMAN—ARNOLD**

One of the pioneer homes of Irma was the scene of a quiet but pretty wedding when Stella May Arnold, second daughter of Mrs. Arnold and the late Mr. Grover Arnold, became the bride of Flying Officer Robert Harold Simmerman, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Simmerman, also of Irma. Rev. E. Longmire, pastor of Irma United church, performed the ceremony.

The bride, a graduate of Misericordia hospital, was given in marriage by her mother, and wore a two-piece ensemble of winter white woll crepe with accessories to tone, her only adornment a gold heart locket, the gift of the groom. She carried an arm bouquet of talisman roses.

Miss Ethel Arnold was her sister's bridesmaid, and more a smart afternoon frock of teal wool crepe with brown accessories. Her flowers were pale pink carnations.

Mr. Fred Jack of Kinsella, and a cousin of the groom, acted as best man.

During the signing of the register Miss Vera Simmerman, the groom's oldest sister, sang "I Love You Truly." Mrs. Clarence Carter accompanied at the piano and played the wedding marches.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Arnold chose a dress of navy blue figured sheer. Her corsage was of American Beauty roses. Mrs. Simmerman, mother of the groom, wore a two-piece ensemble of Queen's blue, with which she wore navy accessories, and her shoulder bouquet was of deep red roses.

Following the service a reception was held to immediate relatives and a few close friends, at which a buffet luncheon was served. The bride's table was layed in cream embroidered linen and was centred with a lovely three tier wedding cake flanked by tall white tapers in crystal holders. Vases of white and gold chrysanthemums, pink and white streamers and white wedding bells were used for decorations throughout the rooms.

Leaving for a short honeymoon, the bride looked charming in a wool suit of soft moss green, over which she wore a box coat in the same color, but with collar of white wolf. To complete her ensemble she wore brown accessories. Following their trip Flying Officer Simmerman will report to his station in Saskatoon.

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**McMANN—ASHDOWN**

A very pretty wedding was solemnized Wednesday, December 6, at 4 p.m., in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McMann of Entwistle, when their eldest daughter, Alice May, was united in marriage to Rev. Newman Vine Ashdown, pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance at Entwistle.

Under a beautiful arch of evergreen boughs, tastefully decorated with gladiolas, roses and wedding bells, the ceremony was performed by Rev. Gordon Ashdown of Olds, Alta., brother of the groom.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, looked lovely in a gold colored street length dress with brown accessories. Her shoulder length veil was held in place with gold baby 'mums. She carried a bouquet of talisman roses. A gold watch, a gift of the groom, was also worn.

Miss Mildred Dodson, of Edmonton, bridesmaid, wore blue with black accessories. Her bouquet was of pink carnations.

Mr. Ray McMann, brother of the bride, was best man. The wedding march was played by Miss Vera Rudd, of Irma.

Following the ceremony a wedding dinner was served to eighteen guests. The table was laid in white and gold linen and centred with a three-tier pillared wedding cake, which was baked by the bride's mother, and beautifully decorated by Miss Winnie Reeves, of Irma, a close friend of the bride.

For her daughter's wedding, the bride's mother wore printed green sheer with a corsage of red roses.

After the reception the happy couple left on a wedding trip to visit relatives.

Out of town guests included Rev. and Mrs. Max Baxter and son David, of Kisbey, Sask., Mr. and Mrs. James Varty of Ribstone, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Feero, Frieda, Clare and Velma Feero, of Irma.

Come to Church on Christmas

## Christmas Messages from the Churches

**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**NOT TOO BUSY**

It is not only in our day that people have been busy. Many of those of whom we read in the Christmas story were busy. What work and commotion there must have been in the village of Bethlehem with all the visitors there to be enrolled according to the decrees of the Roman Emperor?

Then there were the shepherds caring for their sheep. They, too, had work enough during their long night vigils. But these were not too busy to listen to the glad tidings brought to them by the angels of the Saviour's birth. Busy as they were they found time to go "even unto Bethlehem" to worship the Christ child in the manger.

Others too found time to worship this Babe of Bethlehem. The Wise Men came from the East, bringing thier costly gifts. And Simeon and Anna found occasion to meet Jesus when He was presented to the Lord in the Temple and they both offered their thanks to God.

It is well that we can be busy particularly in these times when there is so much to be done. But if our work is to be a blessing to ourselves and to our fellow-men then we must take time to worship Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. May we not be too busy for Him during this blessed Christmas season, but may He find room in our hearts and in our homes. Then God will give His peace and joy to us.

J. B. Stolee.

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**IRMA UNITED CHURCH**

**THE BETHLEHEM SPIRIT**

We hear so often of Christmas being especially the children's festival. When the world is at war the responsibility of Christian adults for the children's idea and experience of Christmas is immeasurably increased. This responsibility becomes increasingly great as we approach another war time Christmas. The space of six years covers a large span in a child's life. The tension and the destructive elements which are inevitable in a time of war extend over so long a period that they appear to be a real part of the sum and substance of life itself. More than ever before, our children need the finest expression and experience of Christians that is possible. The beauty which centres about the Babe of Bethlehem, as we share it in the home and the church; the joy which expresses itself through the Christmas story and carols the love which reaches out to others expressed in good wishes and gifts, these are the needs of our children at Christmas time.

Where, if not from their elders, do little children get so many faulty and wrong impressions of Christmas, and where, if not from their elders are they to learn and experience the real meaning and beauty of the Christmas story and spirit?

Someone asked a great artist who was painting the Bethlehem scene if he thought the story was true. His reply was "It is too beautiful not to be true." Let us not be so busy with the tinsel, glitter and festivities of the Christmas season as to overlook or neglect the fact that the Bethlehem story of love and self-giving is the most beautiful that has ever been told, and it is at Bethlehem we learn, as from no other source, that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

It is at Bethlehem too, that we hear the sweetest strains of music There is no music that finds its way into the heart of the world's suffering, the world's questioning and the world's need, as the music of Christmas; and certainly there is no music that finds a more ready response in the heart of a little child.

Christmas is, above everything else, the expression of God's infinite love and saving grace. "For unto you is born a Saviour" and in St. John's gospel we are told that He was "full of grace and truth." As we approach and celebrate our sixth Christmas under the stress and strain of war how necessary it is for us not only to remember, but to teach and cherish the basic Christmas message and spirit. It is indeed necessary not only for little children but for us all:. How essential it is for both young and old to keep the Christmas thought in our hearts that, even in the sternest and most bitter experiences of war we may be mindful that God's unfailing revelation is one of "grace and truth." Bethlehem teaches that His way and purpose is not that of might but of saving redeeming love.

Recalling Sir Edward Grey's statement at the beginning of the first world war, it is true that very many lights have been extinguised over both Europe and the world but not all by any means. The light of God's grace and truth, as revealed to the world at Bethlehem so long ago, has not gone out, and so long as there are men and women in Europe and in God's world who follow the Christmas light and are living epistles of the grace and truth of the Bethlehem spirit, there is no reason to fear that all may be lost under the overshadowing clouds of war, and as we approach our sixth wartime Christmas we shall do so, I trust, with very deep gratitude in our hearts for the continued and extending break in the clouds and the brighter promise of these days. We shall be mindful too, I hope, how dearly and sacrificially these brighter hopes are being secured.

The champions of mercy and truth, of right and freedom, belong to every age and of no age is this more true than our own. It is in such spirit that we must continue to face the tasks that are about us and before us, remembering with Kipling:

"No easy hopes shall bring us to
our goal,
But iron sacrifice of body, will
and soul."

Recognizing, too, not only the dangers and demands of the battle front, but also those of the home fronts where, at this stage of the struggle, perhaps the greatest danger of indifference, neglect and failure lies.

It is constantly urged that a "New World" is in the making. Shall we remember that the state of men's hearts determines the kind of country and world we live in.

Winston Churchill has recently said "Religion has been a rock in the life and character of the British people upon which they have built their hopes and cast their cares." This is surely a great testimony from the heart of our British people and empire to the abiding moral and spiritual value of our Christian faith with its Incarnation in Bethlehem.

The "New World" that is in the making will be especially the world of our children. May we endeavor so to teach and lead them that they too, may early recognize the supreme necessity of the Christian faith as a rock upon which to build their hopes and cast their cares. I know of no higher and better Christmas endeavor, and thus may be built not only a better Canada but a better world.

Then peal the Christmas bells
again,
God's Bethlehem gift is not in vain
And right and truth shall flourish
when
"Good will" becomes the creed of
men.

And so to all our people at home and abroad—to all who are stooped beneath the burden of toil, to all our young men and women in our armed forces, to all the sick and maimed, to all who in lonliness and grief sigh for "the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still" and especially to all our children, I trust that the Bethlehem message and spirit may bring its unfailing cheer and blessing and become increasingly more precious and thus we shall be able to face the future with renewed courage, fortitude and confidence.

With sincerest Greetings and every good wish for Christmas 1944.

Your minister and friend,
Rev. E. Longmire.

## At the Churches

**ANGLICAN CHURCH**

A celebration of Holy Communion will be held in St. Mary's church on Sunday, December 24, at 2:30 p.m.

You are cordially invited to attend this service.

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**UNITED CHURCH**

Sunday, December 17
Albert—Public worship 2 p.m.
Alma Mater—Public worship 4 p.m.
Irma—Sunday school 11 a.m.
Public worship 7:30 p.m.

Christmas service in Irma, Dec. 24, with special music.

A hearty invitation to all.

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**Christian and Missionary Alliance**

Irma Tabernacle — Christmas program at 3 p.m.

Hardisty—Oddfellows hall at 8 p.m.

Miss Flo Dixon of Nigeria, Africa will bring the message.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8,9.

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**SHARON LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Christmas service Dec. 25 at 11.

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**CARD OF THANKS**

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who gave such splendid assistance at the fire which destroyed my service station, and also for the benefit dance. All this help is certainly appreciated. Thank you all.

B. A. Sather.

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**CARD OF THANKS**

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all those who helped in any way at the time of the fire on December 5.

Robt. Hanseen.

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Make plans to attend the New Year's dance in Irma January 1, 1945.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

In loving memory of my dear mother, Mrs. John McCreadie, who passed away November 31, 1936; also Dad, John McCreadie, who passed away August 29, 1939.

Nothing can ever take away
The love a heart holds dear,
Fond memories linger every day,
Remembrance keeps them near.

Ever remembered by their loving daughter.

## Red Cross Notes

The Irma Red Cross was pleased to get a letter from Miss Irene Robins, a St. John's Ambulance driver, who had received one of the lovely wool comforters put out by the ladies' work board of Irma and district, and wished to express her thanks for the comfort it had brought her.

A shipment of 14 more was packed at the Legion hall on Tuesday last and will be on their way in a few days.

The ladies will not be meeting again to sew until the second Tuesday in the new year.

We wish to express our grateful thanks for the wood kindly donated to the work room. Thanks O.H.

An urgent appeal has come from headquarters for clothing and knitting of all kinds for children from one to four years. Irma branch has a quantity of wool on hand and new books of directions for knitting sockies and sweaters for four year olds. Come on ladies; dig out your needles after Christmas and make up one of these outfits. They really are cute and you will get a lot of pleasure out of thinking you have helped protect one little boy or girl from cold winds and wet days.

Following is an extract from Miss Robins' letter:

"Just a note to thank you for a grand quilt. I guess you will be interested to know what became interested to know what became of it. Our division has just started up a new division and was moved into a lodge where we sleep five in a room and sleep on camp beds. Being girls, you can imagine what a good warm quilt does for our morale. There is no room for any other furniture. Thanks a lot for all the time and work. Mine is one tied with blue orange and green wool."

This was one of the quilts pieced by Mrs. Percy Jones and put together in the sewing room.

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## Curling Will Begin Soon

The names of the Irma curlers were drawn on Tuesday evening, December 12, to make up the rinks for this winter's games. They are as follows, with the first name being the skip in each case:

R. Hansen, R. L. Rohrer, Stuart Fenton and Clarence Stone.

H. L. Black, Jas. Craig, M. McCune and Clarence Barber.

Rev. E. Longmire, D. H. Gunn, R. C. McFarland and J. Fletcher.

R. H. Ott, E. L. Elford, F. A. Fuder and Clifford Jones.

S. M. Brown, J. Ostad, C. Lovig and Harry Riley.

Chas. Glover, S. Hlynka, Carl Anquist and Merle Knudson.

I. S. Reeds, J. C. McLean, P. H. Congdon and W. N. Frickelton.

Pryce Jones, Geo. Fischer, E. W. Carter and Neil McMillan.

C. L. Currie, L. H. Barss, Robt. Lukens and G. W. Hardy.

John Barss, Edgar Jones, R. McRoberts and Ivan Hardy.

H. Halvorsen, W. Hubman, A. C. Archibald, and Jas. Kennedy.

C. S. Smallwood, Geo Reed, Knute Gulbraa and D. McKay.

Archie Cook, Chas. Younker, H. A. Oldham and Wm. Lawson.

Due to our balmy December weather it has been rather difficult so far to make ice but our games should get under way about December 18 or soon after.

Besides the above rinks there will also be one from Fabyan and one from Wainwright due to the fact that the Defence Dept. is using the curling rink at Wainwright.

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**LADIES' RINKS DRAWN**

The draw for the ladies' curling teams was made by the skips Wednesday night and stands as follows:

Mrs. A. Milne, Mrs. Elford, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. S. Fenton.

Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Phillips.

Mrs. Longmire, Mrs. Frickelton, Mrs. McCune, Miss McKeen.

Mrs. E. Carter, Mrs. Hockett, Mrs. Sather, Mrs. Holt.

Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Quinlan, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Anquist.

Mrs. C. Carter, Miss Yonker, Mrs. Reeds, Mrs. McFarland.

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# I Am Your Newspaper

**THERE APPEARED** in the Publishers' Auxiliary of November 4th last, an editorial written by Carl R. Miller for his own paper, the Willacy County Chronicle. The issue for which this editcrial was written was calling attention to the Annual Observance of Newspaper Week and contains so much of interest to our own Canadian Weekly Newspaper Publishers that we are taking the liberty of placing it on record for the benefit of both publishers and readers. The editorial follows:

This week throughout the nation I am one among a group of some 9,000 country newspapers calling your attention to the annual observance of Newspaper Week.

As to being a big newspaper, boasting of big-name columnists or big-town syndicated features, I lay no claim. A small county in the Rio Grande valley, Willacy county with its 14,000 people, lays no claim to being a big county.

But for 52 weeks ending October 1 this year I have brought you a total of 61,000 column inches of news about you, your family and your friends in and around Willacy county. This represents approximately the equivalent of six big Sunday issues of the Dallas Morning News, or 434 pages. Each week for the past year I have carried the names of over a thousand people you know, many of whom are your neighbors.

I have printed more than 200 pictures of Willacy county men and women serving in the army, navy and marines on the battlefronts of the world. I have brought you news and reprinted letters of your boys and girls in the army camps and naval bases; on the invasion fronts in Europe and the Pacific.

When the shocking news came from the War Department that Cpl. Oran Taylor was killed in action over the English channel, when S-Sgt. Charlie Knowles lost his life during a raid over Berlin, when Pfc. Jose Rosales died from wounds received on the Italian front, you read about it in my columns. You read about the awards of the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart and other official recognitions for Willacy county boys. You read about the proud day they received their symbolic wings; the day they were promoted to privates first class; the day they became colonels and majors.

Here on the home front in my columns you read about what the folks in Lyford, Sebastian, San Perlita and Lasara were doing each week. You learned who attended the pink and blue showers, what was served at the meeting of the Stillman Tract Home Demonstration club, who had charge of the program of the Study club, how many new Texans cames into the world during the week, who preached at the Baptist church last Sunday. Each week on my editorial page you learned what the editor thought about things that concern Willacy county folks. You also read what other valley editors were writing.

By reading the advertisements in my columns you learned what local merchants had merchandise or other services to offer thereby saving you valuable time and vital tires and gasoline in your weekly routine of war-time shopping. You scanned columns for news of what was playing at the local movie theatres. That, too, was rendering a worthwhile service. So on, through my pages until you read in the Trading Post that Mrs. B. V. Crowell's milch cow had strayed away from home.

I am your hometown newspaper. Each week I record the sentiments, the pathos, the joys, the absurdities common to all American communities. Each week I am your historian, reflecting for posterity the simple things you do, the noble things you perform, the homes you are building, the sons and daughters you are raising—the America that you are.

As long as there is a United States as we now know it, as long as we continue to raise valiant, unselfish, unafraid men as we are doing today, as long as more than 55 per cent. of the population of these United States are country people, like the people I now serve, we the 9,000 country papers throughout the length and breadth of the land, will continue to serve you.

Proudly I say, "I am your newspaper!"—Carl R. Miller in the Willacy County Chronicle, Raymondville, Texas.

We think the time has come for all our editors to stress the value of their own weekly newspaper, setting forth what it means to their community. It has been the experience of many publishers that the war has made the people acutely conscious of the value and importance of their weekly newspaper and this is evidenced by the greatly increased circulation and by the comments and attitude of the public in general. Weekly newspaper readers have awakened to the fact that nowhere else than in their weekly paper can they read news concerning themselves and their fellow townsfolk. This is important to them because nearly every family has some story with a war angle. We must not forget too, those who have gone out to larger centres in these war days, but who never forget their home ties and look forward eagerly to the next issue of the home paper. This evidence of confidence and appreciation brings its own responsibilities, which is that the weekly paper must be kept on a high level of attractiveness. The editor intends doing his part and if readers rally to his support there is bound to emerge from this co-operation a better weekly newspaper and a more enlightened community.

### AWAITING JUSTICE

The Belgian News Agency says that about 60,000 persons are being held in prisons and internment camps in Belgium to "await justice." Forty-five commissions have been appointed to advise the Minister of Justice on the possible release or trial of the prisoners.

It has been estimated that the temperature of the center of the sun is not more than 180,000,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

## Is Being Tested

**Stratocruiser Said To Have Operating Range Of 3,500 Miles**

A military transport version of the B-29, with the speed, range and high-altitude performance of the Superfortress, is undergoing tests, it was disclosed at Washington in an announcement by the Boeing Aircraft Company of a "stratocruiser" for post-war production.

The transport, the announcement said, will have these features:

A maximum capacity of 100 passengers or 35,000 pounds of cargo; a top speed of 400 miles an hour, with a cruising speed of 340; a cealing of 30,000 feet, with a pressurized cabin keeping atmospheric conditions equivalent to those of 8,000; powered with four engines with a maximum of 3,500 horsepower each; an operating range of 3,500 miles, providing non-stop New York-to-London or transcontinental flights.

### PRAISE FOR WOMEN

Sir Robert Watson-Watt, credited with being chiefly responsible for developing radio location devices, said the women of England possessed the patience, conscientiousness and diligence required to operate radar, which won the Battle of Britain.

The history of the famous Kohlnoor diamond can be traced back to the year 1304

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# Price Control And Rationing Information

Q.—My son is now in the Armed Forces. Must I send in his No. 4 ration book as well as his No. 5 book or may I keep a few coupons for when he comes home on week-ends?

A.—All ration books in the name of a member of the Armed Forces must be surrendered to his unit when he reports for duty. Your son will be provided by his unit with an Application for Ration Coupons for members of the Armed Forces or a Ration Card when coming home for 48 hours or longer.

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Q.—I read the other day that grocers could deliver orders under one dollar. Yet, when I ordered 25c worth of sugar my grocer said he couldn't deliver it. Can he refuse to make such a delivery?

A.—Yes, while the regulations limiting deliveries to one dollar or over has been removed, each retailer can decide his own delivery policy, and, of course, deliveries are still restricted to one per day on any route.

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Q.—I find that I will not be using my remaining canning sugar coupons as the fruit season is about over. Are they of any value or should I destroy them?

A.—Canning sugar coupons which are not required should be destroyed. However, they may be used to purchase sugar for canning or be exchanged for preserves coupons at your Local Ration Board until December 31.

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Q.—I am thinking of selling my tractor now and buying a new one in the spring. Must I obtain a permit to do so?

A.—Yes, you must obtain a permit to sell your tractor or you will not be entitled to make application to buy a new one.

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Q.—When buying clothes should I keep the new Wartime Prices and Trade Board label that I see on so many garments that I purchase these days.

A.—By all means. If you have to make a complaint as to size, price or quality of the garment you will need the label in order to trace the article and to check as to your complaint.

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Please send your questions or your request for the pamphlet "Consumers' News" or the Blue Book in which you keep track of your ceiling prices, mentioning the name of this paper to the nearest Wartime Prices and Trade Board office in your province.

## Would Not Mind

**Churchill Slept In Bed Goering Always Used In Paris**

Prime Minister Churchill's recent visit to Paris must have brought him a bit of personal satisfaction over the liberation of France. While there, Mr. Churchill slept in the same bed in the royal suite at Qua d'Orsay which Marshal Goering used to use during his visits to Paris during the German occupation.

The fat marshal also occasionally used a bed in an adjoining room which was occupied by Foreign Secretary Eden, who accompanied Mr. Churchill.

### WILL NEED HELP

R. E. G. Davis, director of the Canadian Youth Commission, said at Toronto 80 per cent. of Canadian youth do not believe that private industry can provide all the post-war jobs needed without government aid.

SLOAN'S LINIMENT RELIEVES WORK-WEARY MUSCLES

## Gratuity Legislation

**Applications Should Be Sent In By Men Discharged From The Services**

Fewer than 41,000 applications for war service gratuities have been received by the navy, army and air force at Ottawa since it was announced some time ago that application forms were available, a survey by The Canadian Press showed.

Approximately 195,000 in the three services were discharged or became casualties prior to Oct. 1, and of the number only 40,700 have applied for the gratuities, provided under legislation passed at the last session of parliament.

Spokesmen for the services said it was the backlog of 155,000 who have not yet applied that was causing worry and it was hoped they or their dependents would file applications promptly. Personnel discharged after that date automaticaly filled out their gratuity application forms before leaving the service.

Application forms are available at all naval, military and air force establishments in Canada and at all district and sub-district offices of the former pensions department, now the department of veterans affairs.

Dependents of men killed on active service need not fill out forms, but need only make application in a letter giving the man's name, rank and regimental number, and the extent to which they were dependent upon him.

Under the gratuity legislation active service personnel will receive $7.50 for every 30 days service in the western hemisphere, which includes Canada, the West Indies, Newfoundland and South America; $15 for every 30 days service overseas, including the Aleutians, Iceland and Greenland; seven days' pay and allowances for each six months' service overseas, and a re-establishment credit.

Members of the home defence army who served in Kiska are entitled to gratuities covering the period of their service there. Other home defence troops, however, receive no benefits under the legislation.

Nationals of other countries who served in Canadian forces are entitled to the gratuities. Canadians who have been discharged from other Empire forces during the present war may apply, if they now are domiciled and resident in Canada, and were domiciled in Canada at the outbreak of hostilities. **Those discharged from the other Empire forces need apply** by letter only, giving full particulars of service.

Payment of gratuities is expected to begin early in the new year. For that reason it was advisable for those eligible to file their applications immediately.

"Those eligible should realize that if they file their applications in the middle of December only they cannot expect to receive their cheque the first week in January," a spokesman said. "There is too much administrative work to be done to allow such speedy handling of applications."

Dependents were eligible for gratuities only if they were eligible for dependents' allowances at the date of the member's death or, if not eligible for dependents' allowances, providing they were dependent upon the member at the time and in receipt of assigned pay from him.

The discharged personnel themselves, however, must fill in all the details required in the application forms.

### POPULAR AMBASSADOR

C. Yun, spokesman for a group of 20 Chinese industrialists and professional men touring Canada, said in an interview at Ottawa that Maj.-Gen. Victor Odlum, Canadian ambassador to China, was the most popular diplomatic representative in that country.

Buy War Savings Stamps regularly.

## Cremation Oven

—Canadian R.C.A.F.—W.I.B. Radiophoto.

Cpl. Jack Davis of Hamilton and Sgt. Frank Payne of Montreal, members of the R.C.A.F. in Holland, view a cremation oven used by Nazis to dispose of tortured Dutch patriots. It was discovered in a concentration camp in Holland where 30,000 patriots are estimated to have died.

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## Military Record

**Indian Family That Has Contributed Much To The War effort**

Chief Joe Dreaver of the Mistawasis Indian reserve in Saskatchewan, is one person who knows the meaning of war.

The day war was declared Chief Dreaver arrived in Saskatoon with all the boys of military age in the reserve. There were 14 of them, among them his three sons. All enlisted in the Canadian Army.

The years that followed saw the little group scattered but on Oct. 6 it suffered its first death. Sgt. Harvey Dreaver was killed in Italy. The reserve was also notified that Pte. Sam Dreaver of Leask, Sask., an uncle of Harvey's had been wounded.

Chief Dreaver has an outstanding military record himself. A veteran of the First Great War, he is now a member of the Veterans Guard of Canada guarding Nazi prisoners of war at Medicine Hat, Alta.

Recently he visited Saskatoon to meet his son George, discharged after service overseas, Henry, acting chief, and his daughters, Myrtle of the C.W.A.C. and Gladys, a member of the R.C.A.F. (W.D.). After the reunion he returned to the reservation for a memorial service in honor of his son.

## This Week's Pattern

4668
12-20
30-48

By ANNE ADAMS

A shirtwaist frock's the mainstay of a wardrobe. Pattern 4668 is fashion wise, and as figure perfect for size 48 as for size 12!

Pattern 4668 comes in sizes 12, 14, 16, 18, 20; 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48. Size 36 takes 3 yards 39-inch fabric.

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## Took No Chances

**Goering Removed All Of His Possessions From East Prussia**

While assuring the people that East Prussia was invulnerable, Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering nevertheless sent fifteen trucks to his hunting lodge three weeks before the Russians launched their current offensive into East Prussia. The trucks were loaded until they bulged with Goering's possessions, including valuable paintings cut from their frames; then they moved off toward Berlin.

The lodge, which is in Rominten Forest, used to belong to the Hohenzollern family. It is no hut. It has two massive wings, connected by a glass-domed gallery, and is ornamented with carved animal heads and Gothic stained-glass windows. The forest is well stocked with deer and wild boar, which Kaiser Wilhelm used to shoot, and after him Goering. Now the game no doubt is helping to feet the Red Army, for Goering's private hunch was right: the Russians did take the hunting preserve and its lodge.—New York Herald Tribune.

The Kings of Egypt have been traced by name back beyond the first dynasty, which started about 3,400 B.C.

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## SMILE AWHILE

A soldier was on the carpet for striking a sergeant.

"Now," barked the colonel, "I want no prevarication. Did you, or did you not, strike Sergt. Prinsloo?"

The prisoner thought for a minute. Then, "The answer is in the infirmary," he replied.

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**Father—There's plenty of time for our daughter to think of getting married. Let her wait until the right man comes along.**

**Mother—Why should she? I didn't.**

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They were having their first quarrel.

"I'm disappointed," said the husband. "When we were first married I thought you were an angel."

"Yes," retorted his wife. "I suppose that's why you never bought me any clothes."

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**Jones—Weren't you in the hospital last week?**

**Smith—Yes. I had a terrible high fever.**

**Jones—What did they give you to cure it?**

**Smith—A homely nurse!**

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Whatsa matter with you, are you blind?" said the pedestrian.

"Blind?" snapped the driver. "I hit you, didn't I?"

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**Old Gentleman—You're an honest lad; but it was a $10 bill, not 10 ones.**

**Small Boy—I know, mister, it was a $10 bill I picked up. But the last time I found one the man who owned it didn't have any change.**

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"By jove, old man, your walls are thin! You can hear the next-door wireless just as though it were in this room."

"I'll say the walls are thin! Why, when I get a headache the fellow next door takes two aspirins!"

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**Smithkins—That confounded cat of yours kept me awake all night.**

**Pudham—Well, what do you expect me to do about it—have it destroyed?**

**Smithkins—No, but I was thinking you might have it tuned.**

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Junior—I won't get married until I find a girl like Grandpa married.

Friend—Huh! They don't have women like that today.

Junior—That's funny! Grandpa only married her yesterday.

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**"Now that I've told you about my past, do you want to marry me?"**

**"Sure."**

**"I suppose you'll expect me to live it down?"**

**"No! I'll expect you to live up to it."**

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Life Insurance Agent—My dear sir, have you made any provision for those who come after you?

Hardupp—Yes, I put the dog at the door, and told the servant to say that I'm out of town.

### RUBBER FROM SAND

A new synthetic rubber, made mainly from sand, and which forms a bouncing putty, has been announced by the General Electric Company. The rubber is Silicone which means that it comes from Silica and that it is made from the same base which produces glass.

To relieve distress of MONTHLY
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Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is made *especially for women* to help relieve periodic pain with weak, nervous, tired, irritable feelings—due to functional monthly disturbances. Pinkham's Compound *helps nature* and that's the kind of medicine to buy! Follow label directions. Worth trying!
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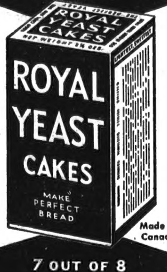


7 OUT OF 8 CANADIAN WOMEN WHO USE DRY YEAST USE ROYAL!


OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

# PRISON OF MARRIAGE

By MARCIA DAUGHTREY

McClure Newspaper Syndicate

They met at the Barkelows' party on Friday night and they fell in love with such headlong intensity that both were completely astounded—and somewhat frightened.

On Saturday Jay and Chugi (short for Portugal where she was born of a pair of incurably globe-trotting parents) drove into the mountains on a twosome picnic and spent most of the day simply staring into each other's eyes. On Sunday they went to church, and afterward drove down to the beach for a swim.

"I've never felt like this before in my life," Chugi admitted breathlessly. "What has become of my fine emancipation, I'd like to know?"

Monday night they dined together and discovered that they enjoyed identical tastes in food; Tuesday night they went to a concert and approved the same symphonies.

Chugi said, "When two people fall in love like this, they have to be careful not to sacrifice their individualities."

And Jay agreed. "The most satisfying marriage is that in which each partner preserves the freshness of his viewpoint."

On Wednesday each anticipated the other's every action and word.

On Thursday they were married and Chugi said seriously, "We musn't settle down just to be Jay Elder and echo, or Chugi Elder and shadow. That's what will happen unless we're very, very careful. We think alike, we talk alike, we share every mental quirk. So there's one thing we must do; we must have separate dates. Every Wednesday night will be dedicated to the preservation of our independent personalities."

"Sounds like a sound policy to me," Jay lied easily. "No questions asked afterward, either. Wednesday night will be a closed day between the Elders, husband and wife."

"Right. Let's shake on it."

Jay leaned forward. "This is my way of sealing a bargain," he said, thinking that nature must have been in a divine mood the day she ran Chugi's gardenia-petal skin, her dark-lashed blue eyes, and her incredible copper hair through the infant assembly line.

They told everyone about their Wednesdays. There were those who laughed, and those who frowned, and those who telephoned Chugi or Jay and said how about counting me in on your holiday-from-matrimony evening?

Jay, who had been brought up by a mid-Victorian aunt, shook his curly head at the telephone and said laughingly, "Thanks for the bid but I'm already booked for three weeks." Then he went to a movie alone, or took a male client out to dinner, or browsed through the old book shops down on Olive Street. Jay, as a smart construction engineer, knew when he had precisely what he wanted.

And so did Chugi. But she was a restless soul. In addition to that she was appalled by the closeness that marriage knit between two human beings. She was being genuinely honest when she insisted that her separate dates were only an attempt to keep from feeling stifled.

Wednesdays continued to give her a sense of freedom until the night she met Strong Baxter. She was window shopping with Eileen Kitt and, turning suddenly, they collided with him. "I beg your pardon," he said, jerking off his hat. And then, grinning with intense pleasure, "Say, you're George Kitt's sister, aren't you? He had your picture on his dresser. He and I bunked together."

It turned out that this bronzed, six-foot stranger had worked on an oil project in South America with George Kitt, and that he was vacationing in the States. "I've been plenty lonely. I don't know a soul and I left my address book in Bogota by mistake," he explained, devouring Chugi with his eyes.

They went to the Coco Tree to dance, and Chugi discovered that Strong Baxter danced as well as Jay, that his laugh was as pleasant, and that his dark eyes were capable of flashing signals that made her tremble. When he asked her to spend the next day with him, Chugi explained that she was married. "But I'll save next Wednesday evening for you," she volunteered, going into detail about her pact with Jay.

"You mean you and your husband have separate dates!" When she glanced up Chugi found contempt and calculation in a man's gaze. "One of you is a great fool," he observed quietly. "I think after this dance we should leave."

Chugi was careful to muffle her tears against her pillow. Tomorrow, she promised herself, she'd explain to Jay that she was willing to give up her Wednesdays.

It was a grudging concession until she caught a glimpse of the society page in the morning paper. There was an enormous picture of Jay beaming at some sirenish looking creature over a night club table. "Famed Woman Explorer Discusses Result of Latest Expedition With Friend," read the caption. There followed a story about the beautiful and gifted expert on Inca ruins, and her fascination for very modern men.

Handing the paper across the breakfast table Chugi said slowly, "Jay, I don't feel that our separate dates should be continued if you intend to humiliate me like this. After all, marriage is a sanctuary to share, not a prison from which to escape."

Jay studied her for several moments, his eyes shining. "Darling!" was all he said. He decided there was no point in admitting that the lady explorer had been a little confused, and had sat down at his table, quite by mistake, to be photographed.


**Nervous, Restless**

**On "CERTAIN DAYS" Of The Month?**

If functional periodic disturbances make you feel nervous, cranky, high-strung, tired, weak and "dragged out"—at such times—start *at once*, try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to relieve such symptoms. Here's a product that HELPS NATURE. Follow label directions. Pinkham's Compound is *worth trying!* Made in Canada.

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## Tourist Business

**The Tourist Dollar Represents A Net Gain To The Country**

We cannot expect that Canada's post-war tourist trade will come to us without effort or considerable expense because there is every evidence that other countries will be seeking tourist business just as intensively as we will seek it and for similar reasons.

The tourist dollar represents net gain to the country in which it is spent and there will be few parts of the world which will not welcome it with open arms in order to bolster their economies after the war.

As a matter of fact, there is already every sign that our competitors for this business including countries overseas, intend to go after it in a most thorough manner.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

**LOW TEMPERATURE BEST**

Keep the temperature down in the cellar where you store your fruits and vegetables; 35 degrees Fahrenheit is fine for storeables and preserves, the agriculture department says. Also, it adds, vegetables don't keep well if put directly on the floor. Keep them in bins and crates.

Dead penguins are seldom found on land. Sick birds struggle valiantly to reach the sea before death overtakes them.


**FREE!**

**This 20-page booklet every woman will want...**

The new Kellogg's *"Weight Control Plan"* gives you vital facts on menu planning and holding your "ideal" weight. Scientifically prepared weight-control menus (at three caloric levels) for every day in the week. Prepared by competent authorities, this booklet can help you and your husband look your best, feel your best.

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## Has Many Uses

**Plastics Are Playing A Leading Role In The War**

From coal, air and water; from cow's milk; from limestone, natural gas and salt; from wood and acetic acid, among many other sources, come plastics. And the uses of plastics are legion.

Before becoming periscope housings, warplane windshields, army badges, and buttons, or any of tens of thousands of parts and articles now produced synthetically, plastics are in powder form. Squeezed into moulds under tremendous pressure and at a high temperature, the powder undergoes great physical change and emerges as the finished article or part.

Not only as substitutes for such scarce materials as metals, rubber, and silk, but also as a means of speeding up the production of complex shapes and parts, plastics are being used so extensively nowadays that some are almost as scarce as the materials they are intended to replace.

## Others Will Carry On

**Japan's Black Dragon Society Will Replace Leader Who Died**

The death of Mitsuru Toyama, founder of Japan's Black Dragon Society, will not end this villainous organization. Another leader will take over its 10,000,000 fanatical "patriots".

Called Japan's "unofficial emperor", Toyama was more powerful than Hirohito. A foe of foreigners, an advocate of unlimited world expansion by his country and the fingerman for a desperate following, he removed opposition by bullet or bomb. The Black Dragons work in the dark, with deadly aim and persistance.

Any country that occupies Japan after the war will have to reckon with this hidden power. Government by assassination is in the Jap's blood and tradition.—Detroit Free Press.


QUICK RELIEF FROM SLOAN'S LINIMENT

SORE ACHING MUSCLES


## Seed Testing

**Purity Of Analysis And Making Of Germination Tests**

Seed testing, as applied to laboratories, is a general term which is used for two phases of the seed analysts' work, namely purity analysis and the making of germination tests. Modern seed testing is a highly technical job requiring much training, botanical knowledge, good judgment, and last but not least in importance, endless patience. At certain seasons, laboratory staffs are overwhelmed with work. Registered and certified seed growers have to get their seed passed sooner or later by the Plants Products Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture. But many seed growers like to have it done later.

As pointed out by W. H. Wright, Chief, Laboratory Services of the Division, this late sampling causes serious congestion in the laboratories with resulting delays, because there is a limit to the number of staff that may be employed and to the equipment available. By having their seed cleaned and ready for sampling early in the winter rather than in March and April, seed growers can assist in speeding up the work in the laboratories. In fact, the laboratories would like to receive many more samples before Christmas than is usually the case.

The object of the Seeds Act of Canada is to set up a yard stick for the evaluation of seeds to produce crops, and the regulations are made in such a way that they will be fair and just to the producers and vendors of seeds and to the farmer who purchases seed to produce crops. The points of view of the seller of seed and that of the purchaser are different. Both have to be considered, and in this consideration the work in the seed testing laboratory is to report the crop-producing value of seed as accurately as possible.

Canada is fortunate, says Mr. Wright, in having one Dominion-wide law and seed laboratories which are under one administration and uniformly equipped.

## They Knew How

**British Engineers Did Remarkable Job In Record Time**

British engineers have done many remarkable jobs during the war, but a job that was really a peacetime necessity was undertaken recently that merits the admiration of engineers in general.

Outside London Bridge station on the Southern Railway is a large and busy cross-over. The time had come when it needed to be rebuilt to carry the heavy traffic that these times imposed upon it. The company's engineers put on their thinking-caps. Outside the shops about five miles away is a field. The engineers laid out the ties on this field, fashioned the rail lengths and pieced the whole thing together. Every casting weighing a ton and every tie was marked with chalk. When this was done the whole thing was taken to pieces and loaded on flat cars in the exact order in which it would be needed.

One morning at 6:30 a gang of men set to work to tear up the old cross-over. A small army of men in different categories of engineering were on the spot. At five o'clock in the evening the entire cross-over was laid and traffic was resumed.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Buy War Savings Stamps regularly.

## Church Supper Surprise!

If anyone knows you've included a half-dozen toothsome Butterscotch Biscuits in your box for the church supper, you may be sure the box will bring a pretty penny to sweet charity . . . and pretty compliments in your direction.

**BUTTERSCOTCH BISCUITS**

½ cup All-Bran
¾ cup buttermilk
1½ cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon soda
⅓ cup shortening

Soak All-Bran in buttermilk. Sift flour, baking powder, salt and soda together. Cut in shortening until mixture is like coarse cornmeal. Add soaked All-Bran. Stir until dough follows fork around bowl. Turn onto floured board, knead lightly a few seconds. Roll dough into an oblong about ¼ inch thick. Spread with 1 tablespoon soft butter and sprinkle with ½ cup brown sugar. Roll up like a jelly roll. Cut into 1-inch slices. Place slices cut-side down close together in greased baking pan. Bake in hot oven (450 degrees F.) about 12 minutes.

Yield: 12 biscuits (2½ inches in diameter).


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**"SALADA" TEA**


## Canada's Top Ace

Flt.-Lieut. Don Laubman, D.F.C. and Bar, of Edmonton, Alta., who is now Canada's top ace, since D-Day, having got 15 enemy planes in the air and damaged three.

## Given Its Best

**Small Street In Toronto Has Reason To Be Proud**

Some persons are blessed with a spirit of humility; others seemingly have to have it thrust upon them, often to their secret hurt. Among the ironies of this war is the way events have at times produced humbling situations, struck at overweening pride, and, oddly enough, too, have revealed human worth where it was not always expected to reside.

There is a little thoroughfare in Toronto named McGee street. It was probably not well known, but it is rapidly becoming so, and deserves to be. Toronto should be proud of it, and probably is by now. McGee street lies in that vague region which a shallow snobbery has been too quick to designate as "on the other side of the tracks." Those are fighting words, brother, and, remembering the cool advice of the Virginian, one had better smile when he utters them. Safer still, do not use them at all.

In seeking to relieve the acute housing situation in Toronto, its civic officials arranged to have temporary homes placed on McGee street for the families of service men. The first house had no sooner been erected when protests were raised. The site was objected to as being quite unsuitable for soldiers' families; McGee street was declared, in fact, to be "a slum area."

That was too much for the residents there. Their spokesman, Private George F. Dickinson, of the Veterans' Guard, makes it known that from the 58 houses on this little street have gone no fewer than 73 men to perform active service in this war. Four have been killed in action, two others are amputation cases. Among those serving are two majors, a captain and two sergeant-majors; all the armed services are represented including paratroopers.

McGee street is in this war with everything it has. It has given its best. Its modest homes may lie close to a railway embankment, but it is no slum. What Canadian street of similar size can excell its war record?—Hamilton Spectator.

## Canadian Army

**Our Fighting Men Stand Higher Than Ever In Britain**

Canadians are enjoying a "tremendous popularity" in Britain these days following their work in clearing out buzz-bomb sites and cross-channel gun emplacements, William Stewart, Canadian Press war correspondent, said on his return to Canada after three years of covering Canadian advances in Sicily, Italy, France and Belgium.

"Stories about the Canadian army have been headline news in British papers for several weeks," he said. "The result is that the reputation of the Canadian fighting man stands higher than ever in Britain."

**BETTER THAN PARACHUTE**

A device known as a "sky hook" drops supplies of food, medicine, and mail from cargo planes to military personnel in isolated spots. It is better for this use than a parachute, since in ordinary winds it will land almost directly beneath the point of release.

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## Countered Buzz-Bombs

**Exhibition At Piccadilly Showed People How It Was Done**

For the first time since the buzz-bomb raids began Londoners have seen how the menace was countered through an exhibition at Piccadilly.

Though secret defence weapons, radio-location apparatus, rocket anti-aircraft guns and scale models of the latest jet-propelled fighters were removed by security officials a few hours before the exhibition opened, it still gave civilians a rough idea how the Royal Observer Corps, A.A. batteries and fighter and balloon commands protected them.

Some of the exhibits had been displayed before during war savings drives and Wings for Victory Week but one new one was the "balloon parachute cable," used to cut the wings from flying bombs and controlled by W.A.A.F. girls on the ground.

The device comprises two parachutes attached to a moored balloon and connected by a steel cable. When a buzz-bomb nears, the operating W.A.A.F. presses a button, releasing the parachutes so they drift down into the bomb's course.

## One-Yard Pattern

By ANNE ADAMS

Here's news—an apron from only one yard of fabric. Pattern 4725 is pretty enough for Christmas gifts! Scallops, heart pockets add appeal.

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**RUBBER LIKE MILK**

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## Radiograms

Lauritz Melchior, in addition to his reputation as the Metropolitan Opera Company's leading heroic tenor, has two valuable qualities that help tremendously in making friends and influencing pepole. He has a great sense of humor, and he is a cook.

His flair for comedy has been demonstrated time and time again on the air with leading comedians. But, at home, too, Melchior spreads good cheer among his guests and servants. He is somewhat of a practical joker. Once he substituted a cheap violin for a violinist's Strad and his household rocked with laughter when the fiddle fell to pieces in the virtuoso's hand.

His Danish heritage gave Melchior his knack for cooking. He learned much about the culinary art from Kristine Jensen, a nurse and housekeeper who raised him after his mother's death. The housekeeper's recipes eventually were published and have earned wide fame in the Scandinavian countries.

Melchior will be heard frequently over CJCA, on the Metropolitan Opera broadcast, commencing at twelve noon each Saturday.

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**WHAT A SHIP CAN CARRY**

Here is what one of the cargo vessels built at the Prince Rupert drydock can carry on one trip in the various holds between decks and on deck:

1. A total of 2,850 tons of food.
2. Enough Bren gun carriers, trucks and motorcycles to equip a full infantry battalion.
3. A total of 2,150 tons of steel and other war materials in slabs and bars.
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## Items From Kinsella District

Visitors to Edmonton this week were Mrs. J. Minchin and Bonnie, Mrs. F. Murray, Mrs. W. McKie, Mrs. M. Wilkinson, Phyllis and Alex, Miss G. Lee, Mrs. C. Smogaard.

Mr. C. McAdams was a visitor in Kinsella last week-end.

Miss C. Murray was down from Edmonton this week-end visiting her family.

Mr. W. Turnbull spent several days in Edmonton and Calgary.

Mrs. B. Wachter was in Wainwright visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. Jackson.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid will be held in the church on Thursday, Dec. 14.

The annual meeting of the Kinsella Red Cross was held on Monday, Dec. 4. All officers were re-elected. $450.00 was sent to Red Cross headquarters from this branch and also several parcels of clothing. Each boy serving overseas from this community was sent a Christmas gift from the Red Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Wylie and son of Vegreville were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. J. Stronach.

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**EDUCATIONAL REHABILITATION**

The Alberta department of education has arranged in co-operation with the federal department of labor to establish special schools for ex-service personnel who desire to complete matriculation for university entrance or other educational training. The first of these chools wills be opened in Edmonton on January 2nd 1945.

Ex-service personnel desiring to enter this school should write without delay to Mr. O. P. Thomas, 10019 101A Ave., Edmonton, for particulars and advice. With the first letter an applicant should give particulars as o length of service, place and time of last school attendance, age and course which applicant desires to enter at university.

This school is part of the federal plan for educational rehabilitation of ex-service personnel and will be conducted in such a way as to enable those attending to complete their high school work in the shortest possible time.

The university of Alberta is planning to establish for ex-service personnel early in the year 1945, courses covering the work of the first university year following senior matriculation. It is intended to enable students now eligible to enter university to complete the first year before the opening of the university session in September 1945.

Those interested should immediately write to the Registrar of the university of Alberta, Edmonton, giving the following information:

1. Age and length of service.
2. Time when and place where last high school examinations were written.
3. The course to which admission is sought.

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Get a cheap teapot to melt paraffin in and always keep it for this purpose. The melted paraffin pours easily just where it is wanted and need not be used all at one time.

## NEWS ITEMS FROM JARROW

**COLLIER—RUSSELL**

A very pretty wedding was solemnized in Jarrow United church on Thursday afternoon, November 23, when Eleanor Maud Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Russell, Lougheed, was united in marriage with George Collier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Douglas Collier, Lougheed, in the presence of a number of the friends and neighbors of the bride and groom.

The bride, who was charmingly attired in a floor length dress of white triple sheer with wedding veil and blossoms and carrying a lovely bouquet of chrysanthemums was given away by her father.

Miss Adelaide Reitan, Hardisty, was bridesmaid, and Mr. Douglas Collier, brother of the groom, was groomsman.

Mrs. Gilbert Lovig, Jarrow, played the wedding march. Rev. Geo. A. Steele performed the ceremony.

A wedding dinner was served at the home of the bride, where a happy evening was enjoyed by all.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Collier are highly esteemed by all who know them. They will reside on a farm in the Lougheed district. Their friends wish them a long and happy maried life

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On Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 28, representatives from Kinsella, Jarrow, Batts and Melbrae appointment met in the United church manse for a presbytery visitation meeting. Rev. E. Longmire of Irma, accompanied by Mrs. Longmire, representing the Wainwright presbytery, was present and discussed with the members the circuit assessment for the pension fund, and also the desire of the church authorities that the salaries of the ministers on all aid-receiving charges be raised to $1550. The Mission Grant was made on the basis of $1450 and the local congregations are asked to do their best.

Reports were received from the various appointments and the outlook of make up the extra $100. look that all assumed obligations would be met was quite hopeful.

Mr. J. McClements and Mr. R. Campbell motored to Edmonton on business via Jarrow Tues., Nov. 28.

Mr. Robert Meakins is taking a rest and treatment at the hospital at Killam.

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**MAGAZINES WANTED FOR OVERSEAS**

Since March last there has been shipped overseas an average of 100,000 magazines a month from the various depots across the country, military authorities in Calgary announced. The Alberta quota is 4,000 a month, and has always been maintained or bettered by the magazine depots of Calgary and Edmonton who have worked voluntarily and faithfully at the task.

The majority of these magazines are less than one month old when shipped.

The magazines go via Red Cross to the assistant director of Auxiliary Services in London, England, who responsible for their distribution overseas.

More current magazines would be welcomed, and these can be left at any post office or any B.A. station.

In addition to the foregoing, the Kinsman Club, working in conjunction with the magazine depot, ship tons of magazines to the Navy League, and Merchant Marine. These shipments are largely made up of less current magazines.

Individuals may take magazines to any post office where they are forwarded, without charge, to the nearest magazine depot, and then despatched overseas.

Individuals are not permitted to send magazines except by paying a subscription and the magazine is then forwarded by the publisher.

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If your aluminum pots have discolored, use steel wool and an aluminum cleaner. Then wash the pan in hot soapy water. Another good method is to cook rhubarb, tomatoes or potato peelings in the pan.

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To keep china from cracking, do not subject it to great, sudden, or unevenly applied changes in temperature. Do not soak dishes in water any longer than necessary, as some moisture may be absorbed which may expand the body of the dish and so crack the glaze.

## Viking Items

It is our sad duty this week to record the passing of our esteemed citizen and friend Noble Craig Graham, whose death occurred on November 30, at 11:55 p.m. at the Viking hospital. Taken ill on November 14 with a stroke, his condition was considered serious from the start, and he passed peacefully away at midnight on November 30. The news of his death was a great shock to the community and a host of friends throughout Alberta.

On Monday, December 4, the body was taken to the Anglican church from the Hennessy funeral home where a service was held at 11 a.m. for the family, relatives and near friends. At 2 p.m. a service was held in the Elks hall which was filled to capacity with sorrowing friends from all over the district who came to pay their last respects to their departed friend. Archdeacon Tackaberry, of Edmonton, conducted the service at the church as well as at the Elks hall. His message was one of consolation and comfort to one and all. A profusion of floral tributes was banked about the casket.

The pall bearers were Messrs. J. P. Rozmahel, T. K. Larsen, A J. Ross, George Cottrell, V. A. Hardy and H. G. Thunell.

Local busines places and the schools were closed during the funeral service.

Th body was shipped to Edmonton on the evening train where it was taken charge of by Connolly and McKinley, Undertakers. At 2 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5, friends from all over the city gathered at the chapel, including many former Viking citizens, also citizens from Viking and surrounding districts, after which the funeral procession moved slowly to the Edmonton cemetery where interment took place. After a short service by Archdeacon Tackaberry members of Connaught Lodge A.F. &A.M. took charge. The simple but impressive Masonic graveside ceremony was conducted by Wor. Bro. E. Primett assisted by the brethren of the fraternity.

The late Noble Craig Graham was born in County Sligo, Ireland, March 25, 1887, and died at Viking, Alberta, November 30, 1944. He came to Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, in 1912, and was employed in a hardware store there for three years, after which he joined the Marshall-Wells Ltd. staff as a travelling salesman in 1915. He was united in marriage at Fort Saskatchewan to Kathleen Anna Stewart his childhood sweetfrom Ireland, on August 18, 1915.

In October, 1919, he came to Viking, and together with Mr. McAfee of Holden, purchased the hardware business from Mr. A. C. Wittmann, later purchasing the interest of Mr. McAfee. He was also agent for the Imperial Oil and the I.H.C.

From 1929 to 1936 he was a member of the Village Council, having charge of the department of public works where he did a lot of valuable work putting the streets in order. He was a charter member of the Elks Lodge, and a pastmaster of Connaught Lodge. He was a type of man that any community can ill afford to lose, and his many kind deeds will be his monument.

He is survived by his loving wife, and a brother and sister in Ireland. A brother in Edmonton predeceased him two years ago.

Viking stores will be open until ten o'clock p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23, to take care of last minute shoppers. However it is advisable to do most of your shopping before that.

Boxing Day, December 26, will be observed as usual as a holiday. Thus there will be quite a long week-end, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 24, 25 and 26.

The United church Sunday school Christmas tree and program is being held on Friday evening, December 22, in the church hall, at 8:00 p.m.

Capt. G. H. Webber left recently for Washington, D.C., to visit with his daughter, Miss Ursula Webber, who is employed in the Canadian embassy offices in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. "Dad" Harris were over from Wetaskiwin on Monday, December 4, to attend the funeral of the late N. C. Graham.

Mrs. B. W. Richardson, of Sedro Woolley, Washington, has been visiting at the home of her mother in the Kinsella district, and also with former Viking friends. Her mother, Mrs. Hart, is quite ill. Dr. and Mrs. Richardson left here seven years ago to reside in the Washington city.

## Creamery Short Course

The university of Alberta and the dairy branch of the Alberta department of agriculture announce two creamery short courses to be held during the spring term of 1945. The course for inexperienced students has been arranged from January 15 to March 16, 1945. The course for experienced students is listed from February 19 to March 16, 1945.

The course for inexperienced students will extend over nine weeks, five of which will be spent in the department of dairying, university of Alberta, and four in Edmonton creameries under the supervision of dairy officials. The course for experienced students is limited to those with experience of at least one season in a creamery.

Subsistance allowances and transportation warrants will be provided for students. Applications for admission must be mailed by December 15, 1944. Lectures and laboratory work will cover the testing and grading of dairy products; practical factory buttermaking; dairy chemistry, nutrition, bacteriology and physics; steam and sanitary engineering, power transmission problems and refrigeration; animal husbandry, and creamery accounting. In making application the applicant agrees to accept employment in the dairy industry on completion of the course.

The attention of men who are not fit for military service and who can be spared from the farms to enter other essential industries is called particularly to this notice. There is a very urgent need for assistance in the dairy industry and it is anticipated that the courses will help those interested to prepare themselves for this important work.

Full details and application forms can be obtained on request from your local creamery manager or direct from the dairy branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture, Edmonotn.

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## A. F. U. Notes

**A THOUGHT FOR XMAS**

At this time of the year we speak of entering into the Christmas spirit, that is doing something to make others happy. There is a desire to give, not gifts alone, but our help where it is needed most, and in the winter evenings when we sit by the fireplace watching the flames stream upward, we may appraise our efforts and wonder whether we are accomplishing anything.

Probably some reflect on whether or not we are giving all we can to help the boys on the battlefronts practically everyone is buying war bonds. After such an appraisal many may even stretch out in front of the fire with a smug feeling of having done their part. But others try to see farther—to find what the future holds in store. They look forward to seeing the boys come marching home to take their places in civilian life.

What places? There is a thought which furrows many a brow when it conjures visions of an impoverished post-war world, rampant with unemployment and misery.

We don't want these boys to come back to such a world. No, their efforts should be better rewarded, we feel. We realize our efforts must not be concerned with winning the war alone, but an effort must be made to build for the better world that is to be. It is a problem of tremendous importance, for what good is a military victory if greater hardships follow in its wake.

So this Christmas when you are getting gifts for your relatives and friends and you think of whether or not you are doing your "all" for the boys in the services, also ask yourself the question "Am I doing everything I can to help further the co-operative movement?"

We wish to extend the season's greetings to one and all.

Food for Victory.

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Do not let eggs that are to be stuffed stand except in cold water. As soon as they are boiled, plunge into cold water until ready to stfuf. They will not then discolor.

*It's a good Idea*

**To Have Travelling Money**

Modern "money-with-wings" is the Traveller's Cheques issued by the Treasury Branches of the Government of Alberta. This travelling money in denominations up to one-hundred dollars, provides funds that are safe, and readily negotiable anywhere in Canada.

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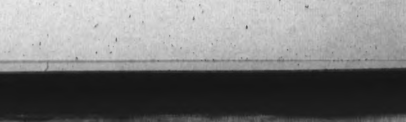

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## ANNUAL STATEMENT

### 31st October, 1944

### RESOURCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash in its Vaults and Money on Deposit with Bank of Canada | | $184,473,969.24 |
| Notes of and Cheques on Other Banks<br>*Payable in cash on presentation.* | | 56,397,561.85 |
| Money on Deposit with Other Banks<br>*Available on demand or at short notice.* | | 31,264,469.84 |
| Government and Other Bonds and Debentures<br>*Not exceeding market value. The greater portion consists of Dominion Government and high-grade Provincial and Municipal securities which mature at early dates.* | | 955,538,246.28 |
| Stocks<br>*Industrial and other stocks. Not exceeding market value.* | | 382,539.67 |
| Call Loans | | 51,165,850.69 |
| In Canada | $ 6,632,049.80 | |
| Elsewhere | 44,533,800.89 | |
| *Payable on demand and secured by bonds, stocks and other negotiable collateral of greater value than the loans.* | | |
| TOTAL OF *QUICKLY* AVAILABLE RESOURCES *(equal to 88.30% of all Liabilities to the Public)* | | $1,279,222,637.57 |
| Loans to Provincial and Municipal Governments including School Districts | | 11,576,134.02 |
| Commercial and Other Loans | | 203,104,015.12 |
| In Canada | $194,487,531.12 | |
| Elsewhere | 8,616,484.00 | |
| *To manufacturers, farmers, merchants and others, on conditions consistent with sound banking.* | | |
| Bank Premises<br>*Two properties only are carried in the names of holding companies; the stock and bonds of these companies are entirely owned by the Bank and appear on its books at $1.00 in each case. All other of the Bank's premises, the value of which largely exceeds $12,900,000.00 are included under this heading.* | | 12,900,000.00 |
| Real Estate and Mortgages on Real Estate Sold by the Bank<br>*Acquired in the course of the Bank's business and in process of being realized upon.* | | 327,291.46 |
| Customers' Liability under Acceptances and Letters of Credit<br>*Represents liabilities of customers on account of Letters of Credit issued and Drafts accepted by the Bank for their account.* | | 16,604,876.48 |
| Other Assets not included in the Foregoing (but including refundable portion of Dominion Government taxes $975,703.73) | | 2,999,296.88 |
| Making Total Resources of | | $1,526,734,251.53 |

### LIABILITIES

*Due to the Public*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Deposits | | $1,420,811,136.87 |
| In Canada | $1,244,528,982.86 | |
| Elsewhere | 176,282,154.01 | |
| *Payable on demand or after notice.* | | |
| Notes of the Bank in Circulation<br>*Payable on demand.* | | 8,568,045.00 |
| Acceptances and Letters of Credit Outstanding<br>*Financial responsibilities undertaken on behalf of customers (see off-setting amount in "Resources").* | | 16,604,876.48 |
| Other Liabilities<br>*Items not included under the foregoing headings.* | | 2,784,728.47 |
| Total Liabilities to the Public | | $1,448,768,786.82 |
| *To meet which the Bank has resources as indicated above amounting to* | | $1,526,734,251.53 |
| *Leaving an excess of Resources over Liabilities, which represents the Shareholder's interest over which Liabilities to the Public take precedence.* | | |
| Capital | $36,000,000.00 | |
| Reserve Fund, Profit & Loss Account and Reserves for Dividends | 41,965,464.71 | $ 77,965,464.71 |

### PROFIT and LOSS ACCOUNT

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|---|---|---|
| Profits for the year ended 31st October, 1944, after making appropriations to Contingent Reserve Fund, out of which Fund full provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts has been made, and after making provision for estimated Income and Excess Profits Taxes amounting to $3,725,000 (of which $340,000 will be refundable under the provisions of the Excess Profits Tax Act) | | $3,194,300.19 |
| Dividends paid or payable to Shareholders | $2,160,000.00 | |
| Written off Bank Premises | 500,000.00 | 2,660,000.00 |
| | | $ 534,300.19 |
| Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th October, 1943 | | $1,879,521.13 |
| Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward | | $2,413,821.32 |

### NOTE REGARDING SPECIAL ADJUSTMENT OF TAXES IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR ENDED 30th OCTOBER, 1943

The Minister of Finance has expressed the opinion that the transfers made in 1943 to Contingent Reserve Fund from the earnings of this Bank were in excess of the reasonable requirements of the Bank.

The management and the auditors of the Bank do not agree with the Minister in this matter but having been advised of the Minister's views and of his purpose to act in accordance therewith, we have estimated that approximately $2,200,000 of such transfers must be added to income of that year for tax purposes. As a result the Bank will be called upon to pay additional taxes for the year 1943 of a like amount under the Income & Excess Profits Tax Acts. Provision has been made from Contingent Reserve Fund for this tax liability, of which twenty per cent, or $440,000, will be refundable under the provisions of the Excess Profits Tax Act.

GEORGE W. SPINNEY, *President* — B. C. GARDNER, *General Manager*

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*The strength of a bank is determined by its history, its policy, its management and the extent of its resources. For 127 years the Bank of Montreal has been in the forefront of Canadian finance.*

## FAMILY HERALD WESTERN SERIAL TO BE A MOVIE

Starting early in the New Year the Family Herald and Weekly Star will feature a hilarious Western tale, "Useless Cowboy", by Alan Lemay. Based o n a case of mistaken identity that involves young Melody Jones in a host of adventures, including the eluding of a posse, the solving of a mystery and the elimination of a killer, this story is shortly to be made into a movie, starring Gary Cooper. Family Herald fiction—both serial and short story—has been of a high order during the current year, the recent series of Will R. Bird stories being particularly appreciated by readers.

Because of its rich story content, its valuable free service departments and its practical usefulness as a farm and home guide the Famil Herald and Weekly Star is becoming increasingly popular as a Christmas gift. Special gift rates make it a thrifty wartime present and the colorful, lavishly-illustrated Christmas issue, now in course of preparation, lends a seasonable touch to a gift of a year-long usefulness.

## BANK OF MONTREAL ASSETS PASS BILLION and Half MARK

**Record Figures Feature Annual Statement Showing Strong Position**

**Lower Profits Reflect Higher Operating Costs and Lessened Interest Earnings**

Heightened activity incidental to wartime expansion is reflected in the Bank of Montreal's annual statement, issued today, revealing new highs in practically all departments. Resources have passed the billion and a half mark, and, standing at 1,526,734,000, exceed last year's figure by more than 200,000,000.

Deposits, which have increased by $214,937,000, amount to 1,420-811,000, as compared with 1,205,-874,000 a year ago. This increase has occurred notwithstanding what must have been substantial withdrawals by customers for investment in the Fifth and Sixth Victory Loans—the campaigns for which took place in the twelve months covered by the statement.

**Investment in Government Bonds**

Chief among the bank's resources is its investment portfolio of government and other bonds and debentures which are close to a billion dollars.

Other important increases in the bank's quickly available resources are shown in the amount of cash held in its vaults and money on deposit with the Bank of Canada.

Profits for the year which ended October 31st, after deduction of taxes payable to the Dominion government, amounted to 3,194,-300.19, a figure less by 108,534 than in the previous year. The decrease in profits is, no doubt, a reflection of the generally lower interest return which is being received by banks upon loans and in investment account, as well as substantially higher operating costs combined with an increased total of interest payable to depositors upon a substantially higher volume of deposits in the savings department.

A summary of the bank's annual statement appears in this issue for your information.

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## THE WORLD OF WHEAT

**By H. G. L. Strange**

**Director "The Crop Testing Plan."**

**UNITY —**

We hear a good deal these days about the necessity for unity, what ever that may mean, and some peoplee even talk about disunity which is supposed to exist among the people of the many different racial origins which make up our population of Canada.

My own experience of 25 years in western Canada has not revealed to me this disunity that people talk about. In almost every district on the prairies there are people of different racial origins, living and working in the utmost friendliness as good neighbors and good Canadians. How, I ask, can people be called disunited if they work, visit, sometime eat, and often dance together as friends, and whose children all regard themselves as Canadians.

Those who talk of disunity might remember one thing, there is no disunity with our sons now in battle. Canadian lads of every racial group are doing their full patriotic duty, side by side, on the battlefields, and when needs be are dying, to safeguard this, our country of Canada. Is it not reasonable to assume that the national mosaic, made up of the good characteristics and virtues of the many races living in Canada, has been firmly cemented for all time by the blood of our sons who have made, and will make, the supreme sacrifice.

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Copied from an Essex, England, tombstone dated 1440.

When pictures look alive with
movements free,
When ships, like fishes, swim beneath the sea,
When men, outstripping birds,
shall scan the sky,
Then half the world deep drenched
in blood shall be.

—Contributed

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Give house plants an occasional feeding of a teaspoon of bone meal dug into the earth in the flower pot.

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Bacon requires slow cooking, careful watching and removal from the heat when it is just crisp, but not brittle.

Greetings

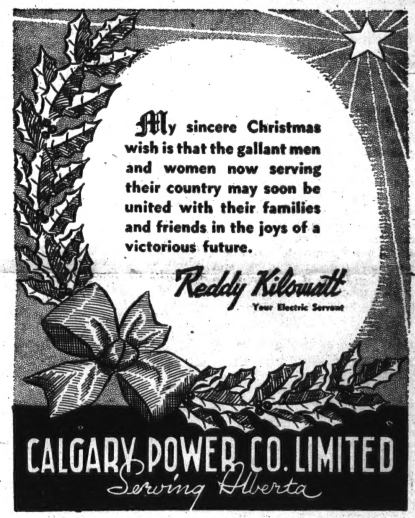
Once again we take time to wish you the best of everything for the coming year and that it may bring Peace and Prosperity to us all.

Steve,s Shoe & Harness Shop

Once again the joyous Christmas Season returns with remembrance of our pleasant business associations and gives us an opportunity of wishing you

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN THE NEW YEAR

B. A. Sather



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# Post-War Trade

**THERE IS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST** at present in the prospects for post-war trade and for the future demand for the products of Canadian farms and industries. It is evident that other nations are also concerned with the matter of rebuilding their normal trade connections when the war is over, and there have recently been reports in the press concerning plans for expanding merchant fleets and developing trade relationships. In recent discussions on future world security, considerable attention has been given to the subject of international trade relations, and it has been clearly shown that in this, as in many other problems, there will have to be a new approach if we are to avoid repeating the mistakes of the past.

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### Much Exported From Canada

Canada's present position in regard to export trade is extremely favourable, in fact the volume of exports from this country has never been as great as it is now. Figures show that Canadian exports are at this time more than twice as much each year, as they have ever been in the past. We are reminded, however, that this prosperity is due largely to the war, and that eighty per cent. of our present export trade is made up of materials of war. Farm products, including butter, eggs, cheese and bacon are now in great demand on the British markets, but when normal conditions return, it is thought that Britain may once more buy these products much nearer home. Food shortages in many lands have also created a need for wheat and other Canadian grain crops, which may not continue long after the war is ended.

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### Research Aid To Prosperity

It is apparent that if Canada is to maintain the present level of export trade, efforts will have to be made to hold as many markets as possible and to find new ones. One way in which to retain markets for agricultural products lies in continuously improving the quality of the goods which is exported, with the object of building a marked preference for them abroad. New markets can be created, in part, by finding new uses for our products. This involves research, and there is a growing consciousness in Canada of the need for greater emphasis on this important factor in national development. A recent announcement by the Minister of Trade and Commerce concerning the establishment of a new laboratory in Western Canada for work on the wider utilization of farm products is an indication of the trend in that direction, and it is to be hoped that further impetus may be given along these lines, in the interests of post-war prosperity.

## Safety Glass

**Is Now Being Used, In Planes For Windshields**

Pioneered by safety glass in automobiles, glass has now taken to the air.

Laminated glass is used in planes for windshields, enclosures in cabins, gunners' turrets and bombers' noses. The glass consists of two pieces of plate glass with a sheet of plastic in between to prevent shattering.

The latest installation methods have given flexibility and strength to make the glass almost a transparent steel according to scientists.

**JUNGLE FARE**

Military surgeons meeting in New York last week got a taste of life in the jungle via "survival menus" offered them by representatives of the Army Air Force School of Applied Tactics. Among the sixty delicacies were rattlesnake steak, filet of shark, baked roots of nettle, baked cattail roots, wild coffee and palm cabbage salad. At last report all diners had survived.—New York Times.

**MYSTERY UNSOLVED**

Rudolf Diesel, inventor of the now famous Diesel engine, did not live to see the full exploitation of his invention. One night in 1913 he strangely vanished from a mail steamer while crossing the English Channel and the mystery of his death is unsolved to this day.

**ARE STILL TRAVELLING**

The stars forming the world-famous constellation, "Southern Cross", were last seen on the horizon of Jerusalem about the time of the Crucifixion, but due to the equinoxes, they are no longer visible from Europe.

China's population has been estimated at 474,787,000.

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## Epidemic Control

**Spread Of Disease Is Expected As Result Of The War**

Next of importance to the feeding of the rescued populations of occupied Europe is the control of the epidemic diseases incidental to war.

The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration UNRRA expects that one of the major dangers of the relief period will be a spread of disease, as a result of the movement homeward of many millions of displaced persons.

Instances of the magnitude of the problem have been reported to the United Nations Information Office. Malaria continues to be the principal enemy of the newly-liberated Greek people. Every year there are 2,000,000 cases, from 5,000 to 6,000 of these being fatal.

In occupied Norway, workers are being carelessly exposed to typhoid infection by the Germans. The U.S.S.R. Embassy Information Bulletin in Washington, D.C., reports that before leaving sections of the Soviet Union, German authorities deliberately and scientifically infected civilian populations with typhus in an attempt to infect in turn the advancing Armies.

To cope with the problem, a special health division has been set up by UNRRA. It is expected that Canadian manufacturers and workers who produce medical equipment and pharmaceutal supplies will be contributing largely to this program.

**HURT HIS DIGNITY**

It was reported from the Battlefront, that a German general complained bitterly because he was forced to accept surrender at the hands of an Allied army officer of lower rank. What insufferable arrogance! And this man was probably hustled around for years by a mentally unbalanced corporal!

**BERING STRAIT TUNNEL**

J. L. Rumble, manager of the Truck Division for General Motors of Canada, said at Hamilton that he believed the idea advanced in 1870 of a land route linking North America and Europe via a tunnel under the Bering Strait had been made more feasible by the completion of the Alaska highway.

**The frigate bird is a sea fowl, but cannot swim. It is a fish-eater, but never touches the water except with its bill tip.**

## Vocational Training

**Plays An Important Role Both In War And In Peace**

Now providing rehabilitation training for persons discharged for the services, Canadian Vocational Training has been playing an important role in civil as well as military life.

From its inception up to May 30 this year, gross enrolment under the programme totalled 346,329. Of these, 222,642 had enrolled for training in industry, 114,786 for instruction as tradesmen in the forces, 3,528 for rehabilitation training and 5,373 as university students.

Canadian Vocational Training grew out of the Dominion-Provincial War Youth Training Programme, conducted under the Youth Training Act of 1939. When this expired in 1942, the Vocational Training Co-ordination Act provided for the continuance of the types of training needed for the war effort.

Training is given in technical schools, special centres and industrial plants. Projects conducted under the programme include full-time pre-employment courses of from two to six months; part-time training, mainly technclal, for persons already employed in industry, to facilitate upgrading and promotion; courses from two weeks to three months in plant schools; job relations and job methods training for foremen and supervisors; and courses for tradesmen in the armed forces.

## Spun-Glass Fabric

**Plans Already Made In Britain For Post-war Production**

Fourteen years of research have gone into the development of a British spun-glass fabric demonstrated in the lounge of a London hotel.

John Boyd managing director of the firm which manufactures the material, said plans are ready for post-war production of household fabrics of many types.

"Its value as curtaining material is outstanding," he said. "It cannot acquire more than surface dirt because it is non-cellular — unlike cotton, for instance."

The glass cushions in the hotel began as sand on the shores of Loch Aline in the Sound of Mull. The glass cloth can be made in scores of shades and is to all intents everlasting.

It is fireproof, mildewproof, rotproof and sunproof. It can be cut with scissors and stitched on the family sewing machine; and it can be spun or woven on machines already in use in British mills.

## Post-War Flying

**American Paper Mentions Two Facts On Civil Aviation**

Two facts on international civil aviation should be kept in mind. First, the United States position as a world power entitles us to full consideration in the development of foreign routes, but the principle of reciprocity must still apply. In the long run we cannot fly to foreign countries unless we accept the right of others to participate equitably in a developing new form of transportation. Second, generalities on international co-operation are meaningless unless the principle is applied to specific issues of trade and commerce — as it has already been applied in the world monetary agreements at Bretton Woods.

The American approach to post-war aviation should be founded on these two facts — both in the temporary allocation of world air routes now and in the later development of permanent international machinery. —Chicago Sun.

## House of Commons

**Britain To Replace The Chamber Destroyed By The Blitz**

A "fresher, brighter, more alive House of Commons" will arise in Whitehall after the war.

A report by Earl Winterton's select committee announced that the proposed new House of Commons will cost more than £780,000 ($3,510,000).

The new House is to replace the chamber destroyed in the blitz. It is to have better accoustics, more seating — except for the members of Parliament — and better ventilation.

The heating system will "seek to produce all the atmospheric conditions of a warm Spring day out of doors."

**The dimensions of the new chamber will be the same as that of the old. The committee's report was unanimous that the sense of intimacy and controversial form of debate encouraged by the dimensions of the old chamber should be maintained.**

**Favorite food of the ancient Indians of Peru was popcorn, which was popped in a specially shaped earthenware implement.**

## Price Control And Rationing Information

Q.—I have a stock and grain farm and have a house on the farm rented to a man and his family by the month. The man rented this house, which was then vacant, when he came to our town to work in a war industry. I now require the house for hired help who will work on the farm. What procedure do I have to take to get the present tenants out and how much notice do I have to give? They are good tenants and the only reason for the change is the need for the house for the hired help.

A.—If the property is rented solely for agricultural purposes, the rentals regulations do not apply and the tenant thereof could be given a notice to vacate in accordance with the laws of the province. The facts herein indicate that you have rented this property as housing accommodation only. You cannot, therefore, give a notice to vacate to the present tenant unless you wish to occupy the property personally or want possession for occupancy by your mother, father, son, daughter or daughter-in-law. If the notice to vacate is given under the rentals regulations, the form of notice is supplied by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

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Q.—When can we use our new number five ration book?

A.—Valid coupons in number five ration book may be used on and after November 23.

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Q.—Does the order limiting cream content in milk prohibit the sale of Jersey milk?

A.—There is no order prohibiting the sale of natural Jersey milk or any other milk which in its natural state contains a high percentage of butterfat. Order A-1250, effective July 1, 1944, merely prohibits the manufacture of special high butterfat milk by the addition of extra butterfat to standard milk. This step was taken to conserve butterfat for more essential purposes.

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Please send your questions or your request for the pamphlet "Consumers' News" or the Blue Book in which you keep track of your ceiling prices, mentioning the name of this paper to the nearest Wartime Prices and Trade Board office in your province.

## To Protect Sailors

**New Inventions Give Shipwrecked Men A Fighting Chance**

The combined efforts of scientists and factory workers in the Dominion have added to the devices for keeping downed airmen and shipwrecked sailors alive.

Tucked away in lifeboats or rubber dinghys these days is an apparatus which assures the castaway a steady supply of fresh drinking water.

By means of a small portable still he is able to extract fresh water from the sea. In addition to its distilling facilities this apparatus is equipped with a grill for broiling fish and a pressure cooker for preparing dehydrated foods.

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**CHRISTMAS MAIL**

Postmaster General W. P. Mulock said that Canada's Christmas mail for overseas will be more than double last year's, filling a train more than six miles long, "and the boys should get their Christmas parcels on time this year."

Many natives of Brazil drink from 10 to 20 cups of coffee a day.

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**First Actor—There is as much strength in an egg as a pound of meat, laddie.**

**Second Actor—Struck me that way, too.**

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"Can any one tell me," demanded the fiery orator, "who did most in the nineteenth century to raise the working class?"

"Yes," replied one of the crowd, "the inventor of alarm clocks."

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**Dorothy—How old is Mildred?**

**Catherine—I don't know. But 10 people were overcome from the heat of the candles on the cake at her birthday party last night.**

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Johnny, who had been taken to the country for the first time, saw a spider spinning a web between two tall reeds. "Father," he called, "come and see this bug putting up wireless."

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**Uncle George—So this is the baby, eh? I used to look just like him at that age. What's he crying about now?**

**Little Niece—Oh, Uncle George, he heard what you said.**

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"Yes", said his proud mother. "John is such a good boy, and fond of dumb animals. Why only last night I heard him say in his sleep, "Feed the kitty, feed the kitty."

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**Mistress (hearing crash)—Have you broken anything, Jane?**

**Jane—I'm afraid so, mum—my New Year's language resolution and your new tea set.**

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Deacon Smith—I don't believe Parson Brown ever told a lie about any one.

Deacon Preddy—I don't know about that. He has preached a good many funeral sermons.

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**"I like that dress you're wearing."**

**"I got it for my twentieth birthday."**

**"Really! It has worn well, hasn't it?"**

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The disgruntled shareholder was venting his wrath on the chairman of the company meeting.

"Sir," he said, "I think you're the biggest rascal unhung."

The chairman retained his dignity. "Sir," he said, "you forget yourself!"

**INCREASE IN FARM AREA**

Statistics just published, show a 78 per cent. increase in Northern Ireland's tillage area in 1944 as compared with 1939. The comparable increase in England and Wales was 69 per cent., and in Scotland 46 per cent. The number of cattle is the highest on record but other livestock have declined.

**GENERAL SERVICE BADGE**

Active army soldiers will wear the general service badge on their greatcoat sleeves as well as tunics this winter, it was announced from headquarters of Military District No. 6. Previously, the badge was worn only on tunics.

Bees can distinguish between different degrees of brightness of a given color but are blind to red.

The Braille alphabet was first published in 1829. 2595

## Sugar Beets

**Increase In Production Is Shown Over Last Year**

According to present estimates, the 1944 production of sugar beets will be sharply increased over 1943. A new sugar beet-growing area was developed in Quebec this year from which a harvest of 55,000 tons is expected. Production in Southwestern Ontario, estimated at 125,000 tons this year, is nearly double the 1943 crop. Alberta, at 338,000 tons also shows an increase which more than counterblances a decrease in Manitoba. The total 1944 crop of beets, now placed at 608,000 tons is 28 per cent. greater than in 1943.

Sugar beet lifting operations got under way in Ontario the first week in October under fairly favourable conditions. Of the two Ontario processing plants at Chatham and Wallaceburg, only the latter will operate this year. In Manitoba heavy September rains, particularly in the Red River Valley, did considerable damage to the sugar beet crop with many fields standing under water. More favourable conditions are reported in Alberta.

## Compensation

**Great Britain Will Support Netherlands In Claims On Germany**

Great Britain will support The Netherlands government in demanding territorial compensation from Germany for damage inflicted by the Nazis in Holland, Clement Attlee, British deputy prime minister, told Commons.

The Netherlands, Attlee said, has reserved the right to claim compensation in the form of "a suitable part of adjoining Prussian territory which would either be ceded or brought within the economic orbit of The Netherlands on a provisional or permanent basis."

**MOVE OUT**

Sixty-seven Japanese left British Columbia during October, the B.C. Security Commisions reported. Those who left went to permanent employment east of the Rockies. Totals by provinces were: Alberta, six; Saskatchewan, two; Manitoba, 15; Ontario, 40; and Quebec, four.

The tower of Babel, at the Chaldean city of Ur, in lower Mesopotamia, has completely disappeared.

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OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

## There's Something About Christmas

By MARY ROUNDS

McClure Newspaper Syndicate

Snow and sleet, and rain freezing on the windshield. It was Christmas Eve and Donna had been driving since early morning.

She set her teeth and stepped out again into ankle-deep slush. The wiper wasn't doing a thing to the heavy layer of ice. With her own special tool, made from a clothespin and an old safety-razor blade, she scraped a space that would stay clear for just about three minutes. Thank goodness, it wasn't much farther to Aunt Jane's!

A two hundred mile trip was bad enough, but to have to drive the last few miles in this kind of weather was enough to wear down any girl. But Aunt Jane and Uncle Bill would be glad to see her, and if she could give these two dear old people a little happiness by spending Christmas with them, she supposed she ought to arrive in something like a cheerful frame of mind.

Sighing wearily, she climbed back into the car, switched on the lights and started.

It was growing dark when she crossed the old iron bridge and swung into Fayston. The town was bright with Christmas decorations. Strings of twinkling lights spanned the main street, making an arch as lovely as if made of colorful jewels. Chimes were ringing, too, and Donna, in spite of aching muscles and numbing fingers, thrilled as she always did to the ageless beauty of "Silent night! Holy night!"

She drove slowly under the Christmas lights, then, with the music still echoing in her heart, turned off on to the narrow river road that twisted in and out among the foothills of Mt. Knox. Aunt Jane lived at Fay Corners, six miles farther on.

Donna remembered the crooked little road. It would probably be a solid sheet of ice. She wasn't mistaken. About a mile beyond the town when she'd just pulled her car out of a bad skid, a horn tooted imperiously and a splashed gray coupe careened past.

"Idiot!" she thought furiously, as the car slithered around the next curve. "He won't get far at that rate!"

Two curves farther on, she came upon the coupe. Its wheels were headed toward the road, its top miraculously rested against a tree trunk, and its headlights pointed crazily heavenward.

Donna eased up alongside and rolled down her window. A masculine head appeared, with hatless brown hair, nice brown eyes and good features, followed by a pair of broad shoulders, and, gloved hands that thumped on the car door.

"Confound this ice!" The door swung open and the man grinned sheepishly. "This is the car I just passed, isn't it?"

Donna nodded. "I'll take you to a telephone," she offered, "or back to town for a wrecker."

The young man looked her over appraisingly, then dug out a professional looking black bag. "A doctor," Donna decided a little more kindly, "so I suppose he has a perfect right to step on it if he likes."

And then they were in Donna's car, proceeding toward Fay Corners a little faster than before, but oh, so carefully. And the young doctor was explaining, "I've been on the go since early this morning, and now she would—this Weston woman out at Fay Corners—pick tonight to have her seventh baby."

Arrived at Weston's. "I'll wait," Donna offered.

"You'll do nothing of the kind," Dr. Matthewson told her with a tired smile that somehow warmed her heart and made her feel needed and important. "You'll come right in and help. If I know this outfit, I'm going to need somebody like you pretty badly. They never have anything ready, won't even call a doctor until things begin to get lively, and then they expect him to break his neck to get here!"

"You very nearly did," Donna reminded him as she followed him into the weather-beaten old house.

According to the clock it wasn't really very long before everything was over, and the tiny newcomer, wrapped in an old flannel blanket lay sleeping in her arms.

"Good girl!" Dr. Matthewson complimented her, as they both looked down into the tiny wrinkled face. "You can put him down now. We'll go. If you could drop me off at a telephone somewhere—I don't know what I'd have done without you—"

Donna headed straight for Aunt Jane's. "It's only a short way," she explained. "There's a telephone. They're expecting me, and a cup of hot coffee won't do either of us any harm."

"And you passed up all this—" he marveled a little later, sitting before Aunt Jane's fire, "—just to help me?"

"Doctor's orders!" she reminded him. "And anyway it's Christmas Eve and all the time I was remembering that other Baby, the very first Christmas Baby—" her voice grew soft, "—it seemed almost as if I were doing it for—Him—"

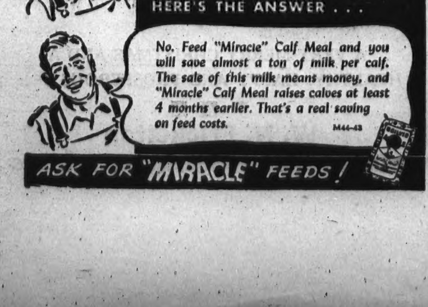
"I know." Dr. Matthewson's eyes smiled into hers with a look of deep understanding. "I felt it too. There's something about Christmas—"

They sat gazing into the fire, and Donna felt glowing and happy all over. There certainly was something about Christmas. Especially this Christmas!

### MADE FAST FLIGHT

A direct non-stop flight from London to Cairo in 10 hours 25 minutes was completed by a four-engined York aircraft of R.A.F. transport command, the air ministry reported. The Avro York is an adaption of the Lancaster heavy bomber. The flight was made at an average speed of 238 miles an hour for the 2,480-mile journey.

The Norwegian fjords are never icebound, due to the influence of the Gulf Stream.




## Wartime Mapping

### Valuable Charts That Cover Wide Areas In Northern Canada

A complete set of aeronautical charts covering all the land areas of the world will be available to civil fliers in the post-war era if the action of a technical sub-committee of the International Civil Aviation Conference is approved.

This development took place while top delegates of the "Big Three" powers, the United States, United Kingdom and Canada, worked toward a joint three-party proposal on an international agreement to set up a world aviation authority or council.

They sought a way out of a deadlock which results from British and Canadian insistence on a world authority with regulatory powers and American desires for a situation which will allow airlines to compete freely for traffic.

The sub-committee of the conference on standards for aeronautical charts is one of the groups of experts within the conference who have been making the bricks that go to build a world aviation structure while the top-level ministers and diplomats debate the form the structure is to take.

Into the making of the charts that cover Canada has gone the work done by the Canadian topographical survey, assisted by the aerial photographic operations of the R.C.A.F. over the past years.

The sections also provides maps of some Arctic and sub-Arctic areas which had never been mapped in detail before and the material for which comes from aerial photographic operations carried out by the United States Army Air Force since the start of the war.

Areas in other little-travelled parts of the world including Labrador, Greenland and parts of Africa also are shown on the charts as aresult of shown on the charts as a result of out by various branches of the Allied forces.

As much of the information on the charts is of military value they will not be released for general airline use until after the war but they now are available to and used by all the Allied forces.

## The Union Jack

### To Be Flown Over United Kingdom Office In Dublin

The Union Jack in future will be flown from the office of the United Kingdom representative in Dublin, P. V. Emrys-Evans, Dominions Undersecretary, announced in the House of Commons.

The announcement came after Prof. Douglas Savory, Conservative member from Belfast University, said the Irish Republican flag was flown over the Eire High Commissioner's office in London and the Swastika over the German Legation in Dublin.

Mr. Emerys-Evans said that it had not been the practice to fly a flag from the United Kingdom office in Dublin but the attitude of neutral Eire toward the war "and the fact that enemy representatives in Dublin are in a position to fly their national flag clearly raises special considerations in this case."

He said Viscount Cranborne, Dominions Secretary, felt "these considerations do not justify the departure from normal practice obtaining in the Commonwealth" and the flag will be flown in future.

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## RECIPES

### NAVY BEAN CHOWDER

1 cup white navy beans
3 cups cold water
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons salt pork or bacon (cut in small pieces)
2 tablespoons onion (optional)
1½ cups diced raw potatoes
2 tablespoons mild-flavoured fat
2 tablespoons flour
2 cups milk
Salt and pepper to taste
Parsley

Pick over, wash and soak beans overnight in cold water to cover. Drain. Simmer in salted water until tender, about two hours. Fry salt pork or bacon, add onion and brown. Combine with beans. Add potato. Simmer 15 minutes. In the meantime, melt fat in pan, blend in flour gradually and add milk, stiring constantly until thickened. Cook 10 minutes. Add to beans. Season and serve sprinkled with chopped parsley. Six servings.

### FOR AIDING ALLIES

Four thousand civilians, mostly women and children, were killed by the Germans in Athens for aiding the Allies, the British radio declared in a broadcast. One victim was a 16-year-old girl who wrote on a wall, "Welcome to the Allies", London added.

Jupiter, largest of the planets, could contain 1,300 bodies the size of the earth.

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## Processing Sugar Crop

### Two Alberta Plants Expect To Turn Out 110,000,000 Pounds

Southern Alberta is pouring about 1,000,000 pounds of sweetness daily into the sugar bowls of Canadians as processing of the most valuable crop of sugar beets ever grown in the province continues on a round-the-clock basis at both the Raymond and Picture Butte factories.

Each plant is processing about 1,500 tons of beets daily and the factory campaigns are expected to extend well into January. Both factories started operations late in September, shortly after harvesting of beets started.

Harvesting of the crop of 335,000 tons of beets from 29,000 acres was completed early in November and sugar extraction from the crop is expected to approach 110,000,000 pounds.

Beets going through the processing plants are averaging 18 per cent. in sugar content and the general feeling is that growers will receive in the neighborhood of $11.50 a ton for their 1944 beets.

## Has Tangled History

### Dutch Town Of Breda Typical Of Many European Communities

The story of Breda, the Dutch town which was freed by the British from the Germans the other day, is typical of the tangled history of many European communities. Originally a Feudal estate of the Holy Roman Empire, it was sold in 1323 to Brabant and passed later into the hands of William 1, first stadtholder of the Netherlands. It was captured twice by the Spaniards, once in 1581 and again in 1625, but was recaptured in 1637 by Frederick Henry of Orange and in 1648 it was finally ceded to Holland by the treaty of Westphalia. The French also captured it twice, in 1793 and in 1795, but in 1913 the citizens of Breda again made themselves masters of the town. Two peace treaties were negotiated there by England, France, Denmark and Holland, one in 1667 and the other in 1746-47.—Sault Daily Star.

### CANADIAN HONEY

The Canadian Beekeepers' Council, at the final session of its annual meeting in Calgary, decided to raise $20,000 to advertise the merits of Canadian honey both at home and abroad.

The word Alaska is believed to be a corruption of a native term, Al-ay-ek-sa, meaning "The Great Land."

You'll enjoy our Orange Pekoe Blend

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## New British House

### Princess Elizabeth Will Have Special Gallery According To Plans

Plans are complete now for rebuilding the House of Commons, damaged by bombs on May 10, 1941. The cost, if the House finally approves the present rebuilding scheme, will be about $5,000,000 over a period of six or seven years.

In the new House, Princess Elizabeth is to have her own special gallery, facing the Speaker. This is a departure from precedent, due to the fact that the heir to the throne is a woman. In the old days the first seat in the peers' gallery immediately over the clock was reserved for the Prince of Wales on important occasions. In the new chamber the Princess will be able to enter her gallery by private elevator and by a special entrance. No ceremony will be attached to her visits.

The proposed new chamber was designed by Sir Giles Scott. It will occupy the site of the old one, will be the same size but will have an up-to-date system of lighting and ventilation and will provide more accommodation for the public and the press.

## They Get Homesick

### But Nurses Of R.C.A.M.C. Overseas Are Sticking To Job

The nursing sisters of R.C.A.M.C. are doing a "tremendous job" overseas and can't get up to the forward battle areas often enough to suit them, Lt.-Col. Agnes Neill, overseas matron-in-chief of the nursing service, said.

"I'm proud of every one of them," Col. Neill, who comes from Peterborough, Ont., said in an interview. "They're doing a tremendous job and they're always cheerful and bright about it, although I'm sure at times they're just as homesick as any other Canadian overseas."

Buy War Savings Stamps regularly.

## Stuck To Their Job

### Magnificent Work Of Wrens Of The Dover Command

Shell-fire and flying-bomb attacks on Dover turned what was previously a dangerous job for the Wrens of the Dover Command into one of the most hazardous tasks of the war.

I learned their story in a naval machine shop in the forefront of "Hell-fire Corner". The shop was crammed with racks of live torpedoes. The "Torpedo Wrens", as the girls whose job it is to overhaul the Navy's torpedoes are known, were working as usual, testing the torpedoes, cleaning and greasing them, and loading them by crane on to waiting trucks. This vital work never stopped, even during the fiercest bombardment of the area.

A single shell-splinter, I was told by an R.N. officer, would have been sufficient to have sent "the whole works sky-high". But the Wrens never faltered. "They were magnificent," said the officer. They refused to take cover, except on one occasion when they were ordered to do so, and then they returned to work within 10 minutes.—Leeds Yorkshire Post.

The average amount of electricity in a lightning flash is far less than the amount that can be charged into a storage battery.

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# Even When The Cake Is Total Flop Manufacturer Guarantees Product

The hubby who went after the flour and baking powder manufacturer when his birthday cake came out flat, proves that there is protection in a brand name

Will the manufacturer of a branded product protect the consumer against loss should that product not live up to advertised claims? A story related to "Marketing" proclaims loudly and confidently that he will.

It was a hot and sizzling day downtown, runs the story, and at home in the apartment kitchen with the oven heated, it was an inferno. But the heroine of the story wanted to celebrate her hubby's birthday with a special cake which his soul loves. Working to a tried and true recipe, used for fifteen years without a failure, she laid out the ingredients, including —— baking powder and —— cake flour.

Mixing completed, oven just right, the cake was put to bed and the housewife mopped her streaming brow. When the oven door was opened there emerged not a cake—but a pancake. It was as flat as that! The clock registered time for a second try, so the lady rallied and began all over again with the tried recipe, the —— baking powder and the —— cake flour.

Hubby arrived tired and sticky to find his wife hot and bothered. On the kitchen table was the second cake—flatter than the first. The tearful story was told. Hubby knew from 43 years' experience that his wife could cook.

"It can't be the eggs, or the butter, or the salt, or the sugar!" he argued. "It's either the —— baking powder or the —— cake flour. I'll get after the so-and-so's and make them eat this cake!"

He bundled up a generous section of the flatty cake, the baking powder and cake flour, and hied him to the advertising agency that advertised the flour. With his jaw protruding until it made Mussolini's cave-man chin look like a dimple, he demanded an explanation. A concerned dietitian soothed him and promised immediate investigation.

"My wife's a real cook!" she was told. "She's won more cooking contests than you've even heard about! Anyhow, it's MY birthday cake!"

Two days later the dietitian sent hubby a magnificent chocolate-iced cake and what was left of the —— baking powder. There was also a letter, which read:

After trying the baking powder and cake flour which you gave us, and after examining the cakes made with them, I am convinced that something has happened to the baking powder, which will explain the difficulty experienced by your wife.

From the results, I am inclined to question whether, by mistake, something other than —— baking powder got into the tin; it neither looks nor tastes normal, and did not work properly in even simple recipes which I tried. If it actually is baking powder, I would say that it has been exposed to moisture, or something of the kind.

In any case, the sample of —— cake flour was tried in the cake recipe with which the difficulty arose, using another baking powder. The cake herewith is the result. We shall be interested to hear if this clears up the problem!

"It's MY birthday cake! ! !"

"That was that," said hubby to "Marketing". "So I bundled up the baking powder, the recipe and the awful sample of cake, and the advertising agency's letter, and sent the lot to the manufacturer of the powder, asking for his comments PDQ. Included in the package were three more tins of the baking powder, all bought within the last eight months. Incidentally, we have used this brand for more than 35 years."

There was immediate action. Telephone carried apologies. A city traveller came with a new tin of —— baking powder and a refund for the three tins returned, plus payment for the wasted ingredients. The sales manager expressed thanks for having had the trouble brought to his attention. The manufacturer's laboratory reported that secret code marks on the labels showed that the baking powder the housewife had used was five years old, the other three tins being 4, 3 and 2 years old. Research men examined stocks in 300 stores at once and found little trouble with old goods, although there was some due to inexperienced staffs and wartime conditions. "We shall appreciate your wife's kindness in purchasing our baking powder in smaller quantities, so that the possibility of obtaining over-age baking powder will be diminished" wrote the division sales manager. He concluded his letter with these words:

Please accept our sincere appreciation for your kindness in drawing this matter to our attention, as we consider it a pleasure to have the opportunity of correcting any complaints against any of our products because, as you know, we are very jealous of the reputation that our products enjoy.

"What interested me most," said "Marketing's" informant, "was the instantaneous reaction of both firms concerned that the fame won by the advertised brand name of their products be protected at all costs. First, they saw I was satisfied; second, they checked in every way to prove the quality was in the package; third, they were really grateful for the opportunity to remove any possible reflection on their lines. It struck me that you can't get this protection from maverick or unknown brands most of which are selling now only because of shortages in the nationally advertised products. My wife and I have proven once more that the firms who advertised are the firms who produce quality goods that are the most economical to advertise. You will be glad to know that the next cake was a wow!"—Reprinted from "Marketing" for November 11th, 1944.

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A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year

Vic Hutchinson

Our Season's Greetings

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Is to pause in our busy time
And wish you all, no matter who,
Some cheering word, some wish that's fine.
As we meet some fellow creature,
Let us hail him with a smile
And by some worthwhile feature
Shorten up the weary mile.
So now we greet you at this season
With a friendly wish for you
And hope that there's a reason
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A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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# LOCALS

Fire broke out in Sather's garage at noon on Tuesday, December 5, while Mr. Sather was at home and the building locked. The fire apparently started from an overheated stove. The building was totally destroyed and a large percentage of the tools and stock of repairs. Four cars in the garage were gotten out safely and also the air compressor. This is one of the best locations in town for a garage and service station and this fire has been a severe blow to Mr. Sather. A benefit dance was held on Wednesday night to help him recover from his loss.

Mr. S. C. Miles, a former resident of the Irma district, now living at the Pacific coast, visited his daughter, Mrs. Alma Enger, and family this week on his way to Ontario. He expects to make a longer visit on his way back to B.C.

Mrs. F. J. Stouffer of Newbrook, Alta., visited friends at Irma and Wainwright recently after an absence of about ten years.

Mr. A. E. Blakley left for Courtney, B.C., and other coast points a short time ago to visit friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Burton returned to B.C. last week where theye are now making their home.

Mr. E. H. Targett of Chinook, Alta., is our new station agent. Mr. and Mrs. Targett moved to Irma a short time ago and we welcome them to our district.

Good progress is being made with the addition to the Irma high school.

Mr. O. A. Lovig has purchased the James Carter property and is having an addition built to the house.

Mr. Floyd Fuder is again in charge at the rink. Skating began this week and no doubt will be enjoyed by many.

Remember the Cigarette Club dance on New Year's night in Keifer's hall.

Mr. E. E. Sharkey has returned home from a two months visit with relatives and friends in the U.S. and Cranbrook and Vancouver.

We are told that the marriage of Mr. Israel Sharkey is soon to take place.

On Saturday evening, Dec. 9, a few relatives and close friends dropped in as a surprise on Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stewart on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart received gifts in silver and best wishes for many more anniversaries.

Mrs. J. C. McLean's mother, Mrs. McCauley, of Edmonton, recently passed away. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. McLean and family.

We are sorry to report that Mr. W. T. Barber has again had to go to Edmonton for medical treatment.

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**EYES EXAMINED: GLASSES FITTED**

Thos. G. Dark, registered optometrist and eye sight specialist, will make his next visit to:

VIKING Drug, Monday, Dec. 18, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

IRMA Drug, Monday, Dec. 18, 430 to 6:00 p.m.

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**FOR SALE**

One pure bred XXX Shropshire shearling ram. Also some Angora Goats.—Apply Jas. Jackson, phone 811, Irma. 24-3p

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**FOR SALE**

Baking cabinet in good condition. E. W. Carter, Irma.

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**FOR SALE**

One 3-drawer dresser with mirror and a large wardrobe. Mrs. M. K. McLeod, Irma. 15p

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**FOR SALE**

Male Collie pups, healers, at the SE 36-46-9-4, 9 miles northeast of Irma. W. Watson. 15p

A NEW YEARS'

**DANCE**

will be held in

KEIFER'S HALL JAN. 1

Sponsored by the Irma Victory Cigarette Club

JOHNNY HERNE'S MUSIC

NOVELTY DANCES

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# Wainwright S. D. Board Meeting

Minutes of meeting held at the office of the secretary on November 28, 1944.

Meeting opened at 10:45 a.m. with four members present; Mr. Sanders presided over the meeting in the absence of the chairman H. E. Spencer.

Tribute was paid to the late Mr. L. Good who lived in this district for many years and gave so unstintingly of his time and labor in the organization of the school division of Wainwright, also that of Killam.

Moved by Mr. Nicholson that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Sanders that the secretary write a letter of condolence to Mrs. L. Good on behalf of the board. Cd.

Report of the A.S.T.A. convention held in Calgary was given by Mr. Sanders.

Moved by Mr. Nicholson that delegate's report on convention be adopted. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Dixon that we reply to requests for the use of the central library by suggesting the sum of 70c (seventy cents) per pupil for the balance of the school year. Prvileges to be the same as those for rural pupils and teachers. The Irma, Chauvin and Wainwright public school to be advised by letter and replies read at the next meeting of the board. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Lawson that we adjourn until 1:15 p.m. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Nicholson that we pay Mrs. Dewar teacher of Butzeville School the sum of $3.00 per month in lieu of providing water or the Teacherage and the school. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Sanders that teacher applications as received from Mrs. M. Scarfe, Glenholm; and Mrs. Ethel Luciow, Park Road be accepted. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Sanders that the maximum allowance of $1.50 be paid to Mrs. Thos. Greenwood of the Lynx School district. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Sanders that the contract for wiring the Irma high school addition be given to Mr. E. R. Wells of Irma and that incandescent lighting be used. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Dixon that the Superintendent's report with recommendations be adopted. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Dixon that Mr. Spencer, Mr. Sanders and Mr. Coutts be a commission of the Irma high school addition. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Sanders that we accepted Miss L. Currier's resignation in view of circumstances over which she has no control. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Sanders that the Glenholm situation be left as at present until Christmas and that a meeting of the ratepayers and local board be called as soon as possible to study the problem. The decision of the ratepayers' meeting to be submitted to the next meeting of the divisional board on December 22. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Sanedrs that we favor the project of using the motion picture machine in rural schools and that further details be obtained for consideration of the board at its next meeting. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Sanders that accounts in the amount of $10,909.86 be paid and the same be incorporated in the minutes. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Sanders that the Christmas entertainments be confined to the afternoon or evening of December 22, except in exceptional circumstances, in which event permission for a change must be secured from the divisional trustee. Cd.

Next meeting of the board to be held on Friday, December 22, at 10 a.m.

O. Griffiths, Sec'y.

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Flashlight batteries should not be left in flashlights after they have run down; that's when they begin to swell and leak and are likely to corrode the case and in many instances make it unfit for further use. It's a good idea to test your flashlight once a week, even though you haven't used it. If the light is dim, or if there is no light, empty the flashlight immediately and refill with new batteries.

Once more at this time and throughout the year Mr. and Mrs. Elford want to convey the personal thoughts and friendliness that they have for one and all throughout the seasons

...ORD'S

This glad time brings us happy recollections of pleasant associations with our many friends and we mean it when we say

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BRIGHT AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Irma Hardware**

SEASON'S GREETINGS

This is a time for happy memories and pleasant recollections of business associations

May The Christmas Season Be a Merry One For You And The New Year Bright And Prosperous

**CLUB CAFE**

A full stock of assorted ice cream bricks on hand for Christmas and New Year's

Best Wishes For This Happy Time

We extend to you friendly greetings for Christmas and wish you joy and prosperity in the New Year

**Hansen's Service Station**

Yuletide Greetings

MAY THIS CHRISTMAS BE A VERY MERRY ONE AND 1945 A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS YEAR FOR ALL OF YOU

That is our wish for all our friends and customers

**Your Co-op Store, Irma**

At this time we wish to express our thanks and appreciation to those who have contributed so much to our welfare during the past year and to wish you all

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY, HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 1945

**W. N. Frickelton**